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[The Clock is Ticking as We Enter a Critical Time for the Future of CHIP](#)

States will soon face challenging decisions if Congress does not extend federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beyond September 2017, because states with separate CHIP programs would need to begin planning many months ahead to close their programs. A new [blog](#) highlights for federal and state policymakers and other

stakeholders the main policy and programmatic issues and critical decision points that states would confront if federal CHIP funding remains uncertain in the coming months, and provides links to other resources on the topic. [Read more.](#)

[Delaware and Georgia Use Innovative Strategies to Promote Women's Health in Medicaid](#)

NASHP and NICHQ released [case studies](#) on Delaware and Georgia's uses of Medicaid policy to help reduce costly unplanned births. The experiences of these two states highlight the diversity of innovative approaches to increasing access to preventive services.

These [case studies](#) supplement the previously released issue brief "[Strategies to Increase Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception \(LARC\) in Medicaid.](#)" [Read the case studies.](#)

[Learn About HCUP in the April 19 and April 26 Webinar Series](#)

Registration opens April 10th for the 2017 Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Spring Webinar Series sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Space will be limited.

The first of a two-part webinar series featuring the HCUP databases will take place on **Wednesday, April 19th, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET** . This one-hour session will introduce health services and policy researchers to the nationwide and state-level databases and related resources that can enhance their research studies by providing a general overview of the HCUP databases. The second part of the webinar series covering the HCUP products and tools will take place on **Wednesday, April 26th, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET** . This one-hour session will introduce health services and policy researchers to a variety of products and tools, with particular emphasis on HCUPnet, the free online data query system.

For complete information, please visit the [HCUP-US Website](#) . For questions, please contact hcup@ahrq.gov .

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