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Subject: NASHP News: State Strategies for Promoting Children's Preventive Services, Healthy Child Resource of the Month, and more

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[State Strategies for Promoting Children's Preventive Services](#)

State-specific Medicaid and CHIP performance improvement projects, measures, or incentives promoting children's and adolescents' preventative services are illustrated in a new [series of maps](#) and [accompanying chart](#). State strategies include managed care organization measures

or projects and Medicaid system transformation metrics or incentives. States' measures, projects, and incentives promote: behavioral health screenings; weight assessment; lead screening; immunizations; preventive oral health services; and well visits. This [chart and map](#) set are supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal and Child Health.

[Healthy Child Development State Resource Center's 'Resource of the Month'](#)

This month's [Healthy Child Development State Resource Center](#) resource of the month from the [Florida Children's Medical Services](#) website highlights the role of screening, referral, and care coordination for healthy child development.

At the end of June, Florida identified its first case of microcephaly in a newborn whose mother contracted the Zika virus. Florida's Children's Medical Services website contains vital information for families with children that have developmental delays. The website features resources from its Early Intervention (EI) system *Early Steps* such as its statewide information and

referral system designed to help families and Family Resource Specialists that serve as peer supports for families with children that are eligible for EI services.

States can take the opportunity to reiterate the importance of developmental screenings to families and providers even if they have not been impacted by the Zika virus.

If you have a resource you'd like NASHP to post in the Resource Center or feature in the future, please email nmention@nashp.org. The Healthy Child Development State Resource Center is supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Latest Information on State Exchanges

See our latest information and research on [health insurance exchanges](#). Our [State Exchanges Resources](#) feature current exchange-related work; including current news and updates, reports, maps, and charts, as well as information about the [State Health Exchange Leadership Network](#), our project supporting state leaders dedicated to operation of the exchanges. As OE4 approaches, be sure to check back for more updates on the work of the exchanges!

Public Health Focused Sessions Announced

Register now for the [29th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#), held October 17-19 in Pittsburgh, PA. With more than 20 carefully crafted sessions featuring more than 120 health policy experts speaking on the topics most important to you, this is one conference you don't want to miss. Early bird registration is open until September 16, 2016.

Don't miss out on the savings!

Here are some sessions that take a look at key public health issues:

- [From A to Zika: Are you Prepared for this Disease...and the Next One?](#)
- [What's in the Water: Lessons Learned from Flint and Other Environmental Threats](#)
- [Labor of Love: Successful State Policies to Lower Infant Mortality](#)
- [Bridging the Gap Between Healthcare and Health Equity](#)

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Webinar: State Strategies to Improve the Quality of Behavioral Health Care

Please [Register Now](#) for the final webinar in a series sponsored by CMS to highlight successes and lessons learned through the [Adult Medicaid Quality \(AMQ\) Grant Program](#). Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington State will share promising practices and lessons related to implementing and sustaining quality improvement for adult Medicaid beneficiaries across the continuum of behavioral health care, including antidepressant medication persistence, increasing access to integrated care for persons with severe and persistent mental illness or substance use disorder through behavioral health homes, and reducing psychiatric rehospitalization rates.

State speakers include Rita Moore, Policy Analyst in the Office of Health Analytics, Oregon Health Authority; William McQuade, Senior Healthcare Policy Analyst with the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services; Steve Kogut, Professor, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy; and Beverly Court, Research Manager, Research and Data Analysis Division, State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services. The [webinar](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 7, 2016, from 1-2:30 p.m. ET.**

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Upcoming CMS Webinar: Linking & Merging Data Sources

In 2014, CMS launched a collaborative between the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) called the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). The goal of IAP is to improve the care and health for Medicaid beneficiaries and reduce costs by supporting states' ongoing payment and service delivery reforms through targeted technical support.

As part of their efforts to roll out what they and their partner states have learned from the first year of the Reducing Substance Use Disorders program area, CMS invites you to join their next national dissemination webinar on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016** from **3:30 - 5:00 PM EDT**. In this webinar, entitled "*Linking & Merging Data Sources*", participants will discuss merging Substance Use Disorder (SUD) related data sources with other state databases. Specifically, the discussion will focus on how using different data sources can provide additional insight on a patient's continuum of care when services are paid for by Medicaid and other state agencies. There will be three featured state partners on the webinar panel to discuss their efforts to actively link or merge data and field your questions. On this webinar:

- Connecticut will discuss how it is using distributed data networks to answer questions about their SUD population demographics, care outcomes and costs;
- Washington will discuss how it has designed meaningful measurement concepts that enable policy analyses, program evaluations, predictive modeling and performance management; and
- Oregon will share how it developed a system to combine SUD block grant data with Medicaid claims data to analyze treatment outcomes and share information with providers.

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Open Position: Policy Associate - Long Term Services and Supports Team

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is seeking an experienced individual to join the Long Term Services and Supports Team to conduct qualitative evaluations of the state demonstrations to integrate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. The Policy Associate is responsible for conducting qualitative evaluations of state demonstrations designed to integrate care for persons who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Working as a member of a team led by a Senior Program Director and in conjunction with other NASHP staff, the Policy Associate implements research, policy analysis, and evaluation activities, and may also have responsibility for LTSS program development in other areas of state health policy, depending on funding and project needs of the NASHP staff team. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

Open Position: Policy Analyst - Emerging Issues Team

The National Academy for State Health Policy is seeking a Policy Associate to join our Emerging Issues team. Work will focus on state health insurance and exchanges; prescription drug and other health care costs; as well as a wide array of issues that confront states. The Policy Associate is a mid-level position and applicants should have strong analytic and writing skills and ability to work closely with state officials and the NASHP team. Experience in state government, particularly working in a state based exchange, insurance department or legislative staff, is strongly preferred. This position may be located in either Portland, ME or Washington D.C.

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National Academy for State Health Policy

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