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States Using Emergency Medical Techs to Expand Health Care Services

States are increasingly turning to community paramedicine to help fill the gap in the health care workforce. States have been experimenting with community paramedicine programs for the last five years or more. Expanding the role of licensed or certified emergency medical technicians—or EMTs—and paramedics to provide non-emergency preventive health care services directly to patients in their communities can be cost-effective and make up for health care workforce shortages.

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Attacking the Opioid Crisis with Policies, Education

The trend of more drug overdose deaths seems nearly inescapable for states. When CDC compared 2013 rates to 2014 rates, it found 34 states posted increases (12 of them statistically significant) in the one-year comparison. No state had a statistically significant decline in drug overdose death rates. However, there are a number of harm reduction policies that can reduce the negative consequences of drug use and save lives.

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Evolution of the Public-Private Partnership Pipeline

Thirty-four states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico all have legislation allowing them to enter into public-private partnerships. However, having P3 legislation on the books has not always guaranteed quick success in moving P3 projects to fruition. Some states have made changes to their P3 legislation or taken steps to clarify their goals and procedures with regards to P3s in recent years. While P3s in the United States were once synonymous with toll roads, they have begun to appear in a wide variety of other sectors and contexts as well.

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Technology and the Aging Electric Grid

During The Council of State Governments' eCademy webcast, "Building the Grid of the Future: How Technology Can Help," panelists discussed the aging electric grid, how new technologies can help meet energy reliability and affordability objectives, and how policymakers can help ensure the grid continues to meet consumer demands. Kansas state Rep. Tom Sloan said that legislators should establish policies that encourage utility project developers to propose transmission projects that incorporate advanced technologies such that cost-effectiveness can be compared to conventional technologies.

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Coal Communities Receive Economic and Workforce Development Grants

The Obama administration announced in August awards totaling \$38.8 million for 29 economic and workforce development projects across seven states—Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia—to assist communities negatively impacted by changes in the coal industry. The administration estimates that through this funding, 3,418 jobs will be created or retained, and an additional \$66,970,000 will be leveraged through investments from other public and private partners.

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2016 Supreme Court Preview for the States

While the Supreme Court is still down a justice, its docket is about half full, which is typical for this time of the year. Five cases in particular on the court's docket will directly impact at least some states. Interestingly, the court agreed to decide the religion and the takings case before Justice Scalia died last winter.

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Henry Toll Fellowship Program Turns 30

In August, 48 emerging state leaders from across the country gathered in Lexington, Kentucky, for the 30th annual CSG Henry Toll Fellowship program, one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state officials. Members of the Henry Toll Fellowship Program Class of 2016 represent 29 states and the U.S. territories of Guam and Puerto Rico, with 37 representing the legislative branch, three serving in the judiciary and eight hailing from the executive. CSG looks forward to the 2016 Toll Fellow Class graduation ceremony at the 2016 CSG National Conference in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, Dec. 8-11.

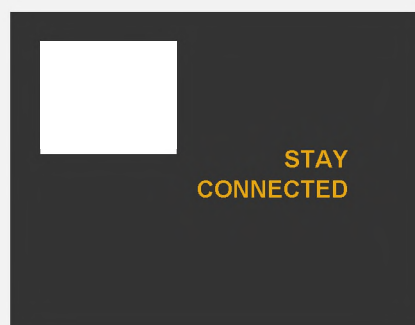
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