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Newsletter

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ICYMI: What's at Stake for States? The Lines are Drawn in *Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual*

NASHP released a [new issue brief](#) on tomorrow's U.S. Supreme Court case *Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual*. The case could limit states' ability to collect essential data to advance payment reforms, address cost and quality and assure consumers have information and access to care. At issue is whether or not a state can compel a self-insured employer to submit health care claims - data that shows how much was paid for health care services - to the state's all-payer claims data system (APCD). [Eighteen states have enacted laws](#) to create all-payer claims data systems and 20 more are considering doing so. See the full brief [here](#).

NASHP has been following the case for some time. See all our related materials:

- [What's at Stake for States? The Lines are Drawn in Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual](#)
- [Chart of All Amicus Briefs](#)
- [Map of APCD States](#)
- [Vermont Gets its Day in Court on ERISA: Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual Next Term](#)
- [Are We There Yet? An Update on Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual](#)
- [Don't Take Your Eyes Off Vermont: Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual](#)

New brief focuses on dental benefits in health insurance marketplaces

A new [brief](#) looks at how dental services are structured differently from other benefits offered through health insurance marketplaces. These differences result in

unique implementation issues related to benefit design and tax credit calculation. This [brief](#) updates NASHP's comprehensive 2014 report on those issues, and examines current state and federal activity on dental plan design, adult dental coverage, enhancing data and reporting on dental offerings, and more. The [brief](#) also looks forward to emerging issues, including how federal decisions about funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program may affect marketplace dental coverage.

Webinars: HCCI Emerging Issues of Claims Data Webinar Parts I and II

December 3 and 9, 2015

Join us for a [two-part webinar series](#) highlighting new research from the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI)-NASHP State Health Policy Grant Program, an initiative that leverages national claims data to inform state health policy questions.

[Part I](#)

December 3, 2015

3:00pm ET

This [webinar](#) will focus on the impact of three state policies that promote alternative providers or methods of treatment to effect costs, including: nurse practitioner scope of practice laws, open access to physical therapy, and telehealth options. NASHP Executive Director **Trish Riley** will moderate the conversation with HCCI's Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement **Scott Leitz**; **Dr. Ulrike Muench**, professor at the University of California San Francisco; **Dr. Fernando Wilson**, professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and **Bianca Frogner**, professor at the University of Washington .

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[Part II](#)

December 9, 2015

4:00pm ET

The [second](#) of a two-part webinar series will focus on how external policies effect state health care markets, including findings looking at how provider consolidation, reference-based pricing initiatives, and the Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act may impact states. NASHP Executive Director **Trish Riley** will moderate, with speakers including **Scott Leitz**, HCCI's Vice President of Stakeholder Engagement, University of Chicago Professor **Dr. Rena Conti**, UC Berkeley Research Economist **Dr. Christopher Whale**, and University of Colorado at Denver Professor **Dr. Benjamin Miller**.

[Register Now](#)

Medicaid IAP Webinar: Combating the Opioid Crisis with a Multifaceted Approach

Join CMS' Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) Substance Use Disorder webinar on Monday, **December 14th, 2015 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM ET** . This webinar will focus on the impact of the opioid crisis on Medicaid beneficiaries. We will discuss different approaches and initiatives that state Medicaid programs are implementing to reduce prescription drug abuse,

prevent overdose and increase the availability to substance use disorder treatment. Specifically, several states will discuss their efforts using pharmacy benefit management strategies to effectively mitigate opioid abuse and overdose, especially involving methadone; their experience with using and operationalizing their prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP); and their implementation of a public health approach to the epidemic, including provider education. Register [here](#).

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