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## Newsletter

October 26, 2015



The [28th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#) hosted a record number of attendees. Nearly 800 health policy professionals from all 50 states and the District of Columbia came to Dallas to learn from one another, identify key issues and best practices, and share lessons learned.

The conference featured more than [120 engaging speakers](#) including our esteemed keynotes **Erin Fuse Brown**, Assistant Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law, **John McDonough**, Professor of Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy & Management, and **Douglas Jutte**, Executive Director of the Build Healthy Places Network. With more than 20 sessions covering topics ranging from Medicaid to children's health, the ACA, payment delivery reform, and more, this conference offered something for everyone.

[Sponsors](#) and [exhibitors](#) showcased the latest and greatest in products and services, and our very popular preconference sessions set the tone for a successful three days. Stay tuned for more in-depth coverage of specific sessions and information from the conference.

***If you attended this year, please take a few moments to complete NASHP's [conference evaluation](#) to help gauge the overall quality and content of this event***. Your feedback is very important to NASHP as we strive to meet the needs of the state health policy community.

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### **Academy Award Winner Cindy Mann**

Congratulations to Cindy Mann, awarded the 2015 NASHP Academy Award. The Academy Award is given when an individual's expertise or service warrants special recognition, in acknowledgement of their excellence in state health policy.

[Cindy Mann](#), partner at Manhatt Health Solutions, has more than 30 years of experience in federal and state health policy, focused on health coverage, financing, access and operational issues. She guides

states, providers, plans, consumer organizations and foundations on creating and implementing strategies around federal and state health reform, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and delivery and payment system transformation.

Previously serving as deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at CMS, she led the administration of Medicaid, CHIP and the Basic Health Program at the federal level for more than five years during the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). She has extensive experience in state-level matters, having worked on healthcare, welfare and public finance issues in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. Congratulations Cindy!

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### **Rising Star Winner Announced**

Congratulations to [Catherine Gekas Steeby](#) recipient of the inaugural NASHP Rising Star Award. Catherine has been the eligibility policy and program accuracy administrator with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Medicaid and Long-Term Care division since 2012. The Rising Star Award recognized accomplishments of those who have been working in and

committed to effective state health policy for less than seven years, was presented at NASHP's annual meeting in Dallas last week.

Catherine has been involved in major DHHS initiatives including the successful implementation of Nebraska's Medicaid interface with the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, the implementation of Medicaid for former foster care youth, and the transition and ongoing management of Medicaid eligibility determination from a different division in DHHS to the Medicaid and Long-Term Care Division. She is currently involved in the development of a new enrollment and eligibility system for the state's Medicaid program.

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## **Webinar:** [Lessons from New York State on HIV-specific Quality Metrics for Managed Care](#)

Thursday, October 29, 2015

12:00pm-1:00pm ET

To assure quality of care for Medicaid beneficiaries living with HIV/AIDS, New York's Medicaid managed care plans are required to report on three HIV-specific metrics:

- Engaged in care;
- Viral load monitoring; and
- Syphilis screening rate.

New York's experience implementing performance metrics for the HIV/AIDS population in its Medicaid managed care program may offer lessons for other states considering how to implement metrics to help ensure quality care for people living with HIV/AIDS or other populations with complex needs. During this national [webinar](#), **Anne Schettine**, Director of the Division of Quality Measurement for New York State Medicaid, **Ira Feldman**, Deputy Director for the AIDS Institute, and **Franklin Laufer**, Associate Director for the Office of Medicaid Policy and Programs will share their experiences implementing the program in their state.

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## **Webinar:** [Incorporating Delivery System Reform Incentives into Medicaid Waivers: State and Federal Perspectives](#)

Monday, November 23, 2015

12:30pm ET

States are increasingly exploring Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) and DSRIP-like programs as a mechanism to incentivize system transformation and quality improvements in hospitals and other providers that serve high volumes of low-income patients. This [webinar](#) will feature federal and state speakers who will discuss the opportunities and challenges for incorporating DSRIP or DSRIP-like programs into 1115 demonstrations and potential areas for ensuring alignment of federal and state approaches. Participants will hear from the director of the newly created State Demonstrations Group within CMS followed by speakers from New York and Oregon.

[Register now](#)

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **[AARP – Senior Legislative Representative, State Health and Family Team, State Advocacy & Strategy Integration](#)**

Provides strategic leadership, direction, and support for advocacy efforts in the states on health and long term services and supports (LTSS) with particular emphasis on increasing support for family caregivers and access to home and community-based services as well as ACA implementation issues related to Medicaid expansion and health exchanges/marketplaces.

Learn more about this and many other opportunities [here](#).

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## National Academy for State Health Policy

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