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As Federal Leaders Debate, Open Enrollment is in Full Swing

Federal leaders are debating changes to the ACA and whether it will continue in light of the goals put forth by the incoming Administration. Meanwhile, open enrollment for the health insurance marketplaces is in full swing, with some states reporting increased or record enrollment figures during these first

weeks of enrollment. Our latest [blog](#) looks at while the number of insured individuals has reached an [all-time high](#), it also means health insurance marketplaces have a smaller than ever pool of individuals remaining to bring into coverage. For many of the marketplaces, this also marks a shift in focus to heightened efforts to improve functionality and consumer experiences, assuring those who elect coverage retain it. [Read the full blog here](#).

CHIP Coverage is Important for Pregnant Women Too

While the importance of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for children has been widely documented, it is also important to remember that states can and many do use CHIP to provide coverage to low-and moderate-income pregnant women. With federal-funding for CHIP due to run out by the end of this federal fiscal year (September 2017), there are again discussions at the national level about the future of this coverage program. In this [blog post](#), NASHP documents some of the concerns state CHIP directors have for pregnant women if funding for CHIP is not continued. [Read the full blog here](#).

DSRIP Programs Added to State Delivery and Payment Reform Map

In addition to Health Home and PCMH initiatives, our [State Delivery System and Payment Reform Map](#) now includes a separate tab for state Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) programs. The [map](#) indicates the 12 states that have approved DSRIP or DSRIP-like

programs and the three states with pending DSRIP applications. Over time, NASHP will add information on individual states' DSRIP programs and other delivery and payment transformation initiatives underway in states, so please stay tuned.

Challenges and Opportunities for Pediatric Medical Home Implementation and CYSHCN

NASHP in collaboration with the [National Center for Medical Home Implementation](#) developed a [new fact sheet](#) addressing challenges and opportunities to provision of care for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) enrolled in Medicaid managed care. The fact sheet identifies states that leverage Medicaid managed care to advance the pediatric medical home model through payment incentives, technical assistance, and care coordination services. [See the fact sheet.](#)

Webinar: Measuring Physical and Behavioral Health Integration in the Context of Value-Based Purchasing

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016 from 3:00-4:00 PM EST

Research shows that integrating physical and behavioral healthcare can yield better outcomes and reduce costs, and state policymakers across the country are working to incentivize integration as part of larger value-based health reform efforts. With support from The Commonwealth Fund, the National Academy for State Health Policy is excited to host this webinar, which will explore the landscape of quality measurement as it relates to behavioral health integration and examine how states are building quality management strategies to monitor and evaluate these efforts.

Speakers:

- **Kitty Purington, JD** , National Academy for State Health Policy
- **Harold Pincus, MD** , Columbia University
- **Greg Allen, MSW** , New York State Department of Health

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Webinar: Leveraging Managed Care Contract Language to Improve SUD Purchasing Strategies

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 our efforts to roll out what we and our partner states have learned from our first year of the Reducing Substance Use Disorders program area, we invite you to join the final webinar in our four-part national dissemination webinar series on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM ET**.

In the December webinar entitled "*Leveraging Managed Care Contract Language to Improve SUD Purchasing Strategies*" we will discuss key elements of managed care contracting that promote good stewardship and purchasing of substance use disorder (SUD) services. Specifically, we will discuss core contract components where SUD service delivery may be strengthened, including benefit design; standards of care; network adequacy; quality metrics; and integration of SUD and physical health. There will be two featured state partners on the webinar panel to discuss their efforts to offer a comprehensive SUD treatment care continuum. On this webinar:

- Virginia Medicaid will discuss how they are working with managed care entities to transform their SUD delivery system to provide the SUD care continuum, remove treatment gaps, and meet the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria standards of care; and
- Massachusetts Medicaid will share how they expanded access to SUD care using consistent contract language with their managed care entities, and assigned regional network managers to monitor quality.

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SAVE-THE-DATE: Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program: Data Analytic Support for State Medicaid Agencies

CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) was designed to improve health and health care for Medicaid beneficiaries by supporting state Medicaid agencies' ongoing efforts related to payment and delivery system reforms. In addition to working with states across program priority areas, IAP also provides targeted technical support and tools to states in four functional areas: data analytics, quality measurement, performance improvement, and payment modeling and financial simulations. This December, CMS is launching a technical support opportunity for Medicaid agencies seeking to design, develop, and/or implement data analytic strategies related to their Medicaid programs' delivery system reform efforts.

More information about the opportunity, including a program overview and expression of interest form will be posted on the [Medicaid IAP webpage](#) in the next few weeks. A webinar will be held on **December 8, 2016 at 3:00PM ET** to introduce states to the opportunity, answer questions, and provide an explanation of the state selection process. Webinar participants will also learn about the individualized support IAP is providing to states to address their data analytic needs across a wide range of topics, such as developing an analytic plan, designing an approach to integrate non-Medicare datasets, interpreting statistical output, or developing statistical programs to analyze and monitor their Medicaid programs.

This webinar is open to all state and territory Medicaid agencies. If you have any questions regarding this webinar contact Nicholas Cummings at nicholas.cummings@truvenhealth.com.

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Open Position: Research Analyst - Child & Family Health Team

NASHP is looking for a Research Analyst to join the organization's Child and Family Health Team. This team's work focuses on promotion of and support for state innovations in health care delivery design and transformation for improved child and family health outcomes. Specific projects would include work on the role of Medicaid in infant mortality reduction and the use of alternative Medicaid and CHIP payment models and contracting levers – including managed care – to improve maternal and infant health. This position may be located in either Portland, Maine or Washington, DC. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

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