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Revisiting Churn: An Early Understanding of State-Level Health Coverage Transitions Under the ACA

Health coverage transitions—sometimes referred to as churn—have always existed to some degree, but with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) there are additional possibilities for churning to occur across multiple coverage sources. This [new NASHP brief](#) examines current efforts in some states to measure these coverage transitions and provides broader context on the issue of churn. [Read the full brief here.](#)

Rising Star Nominations Now Open

Help NASHP recognize new state health policy professionals working for state governments by submitting a nomination for our Rising Star award. The award strives to promote the accomplishments of those working in the field with seven years experience or less who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to promoting good state health

policy.

The award will be presented at the upcoming Annual Health Policy Conference October 17-19 in Pittsburgh. Recipient of the 2016 Rising Star award will receive an all expense paid trip to the conference.

Nominations for the award will be accepted [here](#) and can only be made by current state government employees.

All nominations are due by August 19, 2016. For complete information on the Rising Star Award visit our [website](#).

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.

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.

[For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

Open Position: Project Director - Chronic & Vulnerable Populations Team

The National Academy for State Health Policy is seeking an individual to join our growing Chronic and Vulnerable Populations (CVP) policy team as a Project Director. The Project Director will lead day-to-day operations for at least one major initiative for NASHP, and will join additional project teams as a senior team member. The primary focus of this work will be on state healthcare delivery system reforms that improve care delivery for chronically ill and vulnerable populations. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

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