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## Newsletter

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### State Strategies for Enrolling Justice-Involved Populations

A recent piece from NPR, [Signed Out of Prison But Not Signed Up for Health Insurance](#) looks at the many ex-inmates struggling to maintain health coverage once released. Last year NASHP developed a [toolkit](#) highlighting how states are improving enrollment in health coverage for justice-involved individuals.

The [toolkit](#), which includes a number of resources including state-specific strategies, [infographic](#), and webinar looks at how under the ACA many individuals involved in the criminal justice system are now eligible for Medicaid, including many young, low-income males who did not previously qualify. See the [toolkit](#) and join us to continue this discussion at [State Refor\(u\)m](#).

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### Webinar: Improving Care for Dual Eligibles: How States are Innovating through Medicare Advantage D-SNP Plans

January 9, 2017 from 1:30-2:30 PM ET

This webinar will explore how states can use contracts with Medicare Advantage “D-SNP” plans to improve care for dual eligibles, advance Medicare-Medicaid alignment, and support broader payment and delivery system reform.

After a brief review of relevant D-SNP policies by CMS, speakers from Arizona, Minnesota, and Tennessee will discuss how their states have developed and implemented D-SNP contracts to align health plan coverage under Medicare and Medicaid, link D-SNP plans to Medicaid managed services and supports (MLTSS) programs, and facilitate information sharing, among other goals.

#### Speakers:

- **Nishamarie Sherry Romanik**, Director, Division of Policy Analysis and Planning, Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group, Center for Medicare, Centers for

- Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **Tom Betlach** , Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- **Gretchen Ulbee** , Manager, Special Needs Purchasing, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- **Patti Killingsworth** , Assistant Commissioner and Long Term Care Chief, TennCare Bureau, Department of Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee
- **Trish Riley** , Executive Director, NASHP, moderator

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## Hospital Community Benefit Spending - How to Increase Investments in Population Health

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 12:30-2:00 PM ET**

Each year taxpayers support at least \$25 billion in spending by nonprofit hospitals, most of it for patient services, including charity care. All nonprofit hospitals must report community benefit spending to the IRS to qualify for tax exempt status and a new [report](#) from George Washington University outlines strategies that could incentivize more of that spending to support population health activities. In this webinar we will explore the laws governing community benefit spending, learn how changes in IRS rules could encourage more investment by hospitals in efforts to improve community health, and explore what levers states have to engage on this issue.

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## New Webinar Addresses Rising Cost of Pharmaceuticals

**Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 3:30-4:30 PM ET**

Join member's of the National Academy for State Health Policy's Pharmacy Costs Workgroup **Wednesday, January 11** for a webinar reviewing 11 specific proposals for how states may curb the rising cost of pharmaceuticals. Annually states spend more than \$20 billion on prescription drug coverage for public employees, incarcerated individuals, higher education, and Medicaid. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from state leaders on this important topic. NASHP's work group continues to look broadly at states as purchasers, regulators, policymakers, and investors to develop the next generation of state-based reforms to address the rapid growth of prescription prices.

### States and the Rising Cost of Pharmaceuticals: A Call to Action:

- **Trish Riley**  
Executive Director  
National Academy for State Health Policy
- **Nathan Johnson**  
Chief Policy Officer  
Washington State Health Care Authority
- **Norman Thurston**  
State Representative, 64th District  
Utah State Legislature
- **Ameet Sarpatwari**

- Instructor  
Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School

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