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Will There Be State Innovation Under Section 1332 Waivers?

Since the ACA was enacted in 2010, a number of states have been looking at the law's State Innovation Waiver, also known as Section 1332, as a way to reimagine the ACA's approach to health insurance coverage. Apart from [final rules issued in 2012](#) that focused on the process for

application, timing and content of any waiver application, CMS had released little information about how Section 1332 would be interpreted, leading a number of states to dream big. However, the [new guidance released on December 12 by the Departments of HHS and Treasury](#) suggests states may have a harder time hitching their grand plans to Section 1332 waivers and leaves us wondering: will there be state innovation under Section 1332? Our newest [blog](#) takes a closer look at this issue. [Read the full blog](#) .

ICYMI: Not Your Usual Suspects: Roles for State Agencies in PCMH Payment Reforms

A new [blog](#) from NASHP staff which appeared in *Health Affairs* looks at the growth of multipayer patient centered medical home (PCMH) reform across the country, accelerated by the Affordable Care Act, and how this offers the opportunity to widely transform the primary care delivery system. Read the full blog [here](#) .

Opportunity for Support in Physical and Mental Health Integration

CMS is accepting [Expression of Interest forms](#) from states interested in the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) Physical and [Mental Integration \(PMH\) initiative](#) . The IAP PMH provides targeted program support to states seeking to expand and/or refine existing physical and mental health integration efforts. Interested states should submit their forms by January 29, 2015.

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