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Newsletter

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**New Brief: Determining the
Impact of State Demonstrations:
Considerations for State and Federal
Policymakers**

This [brief](#) captures key themes that emerged during a June 2015 meeting of state and federal leaders convened by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) with the support of The Commonwealth Fund. The goal of the meeting was to identify actionable steps toward a shared federal and state agenda on improving the monitoring and evaluation of state demonstrations, with the goal of capitalizing on successes while easing administrative burden and providing useful data for policymakers. Read the full brief [here](#).

**ICYMI: What's Next for State Health Policy After *King v. Burwell*? Leaders
Discuss Key Themes and Next Steps for State Policymakers**

NASHP hosted an off-the-record, [state-only summit](#) to discuss the road ahead for state health reforms after the Supreme Court's decision on *King v. Burwell*. The July 9 event, supported by The Commonwealth Fund, featured a panel of leading thinkers on state health policy and officials from 43 states and the District of Columbia participated. Participants represented Medicaid, CHIP and insurance agencies, public health departments, budget offices, state legislatures, and state-based exchanges. Read a [summary](#) of the call.

Final Agenda Announced for the 28th Annual State Health Policy Conference!

The conference features plenary and breakout sessions on the topics most important to you including: [Wrangling Medicaid Managed Care: Tested Strategies and New Challenges](#).

This [session](#) examines national and state efforts to secure value from Medicaid managed care, including a discussion of CMS's recent efforts to modernize the managed care regulations. Two states, Ohio and Tennessee, with successful programs will share their strategic visions for their managed care programs, as well as the story of the successes and challenges they have encountered in pursuit of their visions.

Moderated by **David Kelley**, Chief Medical Officer, Office of Medical Assistance Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, the session includes speakers:

- **Darin J. Gordon**, Director, TennCare, Director, Division of Health Care Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee;
- **Cindy Mann**, Partner, Manatt Health Solutions; and
- **John McCarthy**, Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid.

This session is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Click [here](#) to see the full conference agenda.

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Upcoming Webinars

[Ensuring Bright Futures for Our Nation's Children: Health Plan Strategies for Improving Pediatric Preventative Care](#)

August 24, 2015, 3PM (ET)

This [webinar](#) will explore private and public health plan strategies for improving parental education on preventive care and supporting and encouraging providers in ensuring their young patients receive recommended preventive services.

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[State Strategies for Integrating Health Care and Housing for Homeless Individuals and Families](#)

September 14, 2015 12:30pm (ET)

States interested in improving population health and containing costs are increasingly examining the intersection of housing and health care. As numerous studies show, housing chronically homeless people can improve their health and save money for state and local governments. This State Reform webinar will offer participants an opportunity to learn about cross-agency levers states can use to meet the housing and health needs of homeless populations. The [webinar](#) will also address the financing mechanisms, data infrastructure and strategic partnerships that facilitate the blending of health care and housing funding streams. **Trish Riley**, NASHP Executive Director, will moderate the webinar. **Peggy Bailey**, Senior Policy Advisor at the Corporation for Supportive Housing, will offer a national overview of the topic and state perspectives will be provided by Texas Medicaid Director **Kay Ghahremani**; and Oregon Health Authority Director of Systems Innovation **Chris DeMars**.

New Grantees Announced to Expand Oral Health Access for Pregnant Women and Infants

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau has announced eight new states will receive grants totaling nearly \$2 million to implement projects to improve access to oral health care for pregnant women and infants. The new grantees join Connecticut, New York and West Virginia in the Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement (PIOHQI) program. These 11 states join a network of national organizations including NASHP, the Children's Dental Health Project, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors to improve systems of care to pregnant women following the goals of the PIOHQI initiative. See the full announcement [here](#).

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