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## Newsletter

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### NASHP Releases Snapshot of State of the State Addresses

Governors across the nation have laid out their priorities for the coming year as part of their State of the State addresses. NASHP [summarizes the 44 addresses](#) given to date. A majority of the governors mentioned health care in their speeches, including Medicaid, behavioral health, health care costs, health insurance exchanges, and creating a culture of health. See the [new chart](#).

### NASHP Releases Summary of 2015 CHIP Directors Survey

Federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2015, unless Congress acts. Many state CHIP directors have begun to consider the steps needed should funding remain uncertain or expire. In January 2015, NASHP [surveyed CHIP directors](#) to better understand recent program changes along with state budgeting and planning given the uncertainty of continued federal funding. See our [summary](#) of the survey results.

### New Webinar: Integrating Community Health Worker Models into Evolving State Health Care Systems

February 23, 2015  
1:30 - 3:00 pm ET

[Register here](#)

As states transform their health systems, many are turning to CHWs to tackle some of the most challenging aspects of health improvement, such as facilitating care coordination, enhancing access to community-based services, and addressing social determinants of health. As interest in CHWs continues to rise, so do challenges related to defining roles and scope of practice, training and certification, financing, and integrating CHWs into evolving health care systems. This webinar will describe the federal government's investment in CHWs to set the context and feature speakers from state agencies in Massachusetts, New Mexico, and South Carolina who will shed

light on how each state is addressing these important issues.

## **Webinar: The Promise and Pitfalls of State-based Payment Reform**

February 27, 2015

1:00-2:30pm ET

[Register here](#)

Many states across the nation are in the process of designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform initiatives. The goals of these initiatives are to improve patient experience, improve the health of populations, and reduce health care costs.

In this webinar, Alan Weil, Editor-in-Chief *Health Affairs*, will provide a framework for how alternative payment models can help transform the delivery system away from a fragmented fee-for-service system while also considering the risks of state-based payment reform models and strategies to mitigate those risks. Joseph Thompson, Director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, and Robin Lunge, Director of Health Care Reform at the Vermont Agency of Administration, will ground this policy presentation in the realities of their payment reform models in Arkansas and Vermont.

## **New Strategic Alliance Partner: Blue Cross Blue Shield Association**

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association is a national federation of 37 independent, community-based and locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies that collectively provide healthcare coverage for nearly 105 million members – one in three Americans. For more information on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and its member companies, please visit [www.BCBS.com](http://www.BCBS.com) . For more information on partnership opportunities contact Ellen Toups at [development@nashp.org](mailto:development@nashp.org) .

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## **National Academy for State Health Policy**

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