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Blog

[Four Tips from States on Integrating Maternal and Child Health Data Systems](#)

What happens when state health programs use separate data systems to serve the same population, such as mothers and children? State policymakers know that when those data systems do not “talk” to one another, states may waste resources on duplicative data entry and system maintenance; providers and state agencies may struggle to access information important to the health of mothers and children; and care may be uncoordinated or otherwise compromised.

Blog

[Conducting the Orchestra of Multi-Payer Payment Reform: Achieving Harmony in Arkansas and Vermont](#)

Imagine an orchestra filled with providers and plans each playing its own tune to move towards value-based payment to incentivize better care and health. Alone, each tune is recognizable. But without working together, cacophony abounds. Enter the state as conductor and participant in aligned multi-payer payment reform, and sweet sounds emerge. If it only happened that easily, it would be done. In reality, states need to use their many levers to achieve multi-payer reform. Their efforts appear promising, and early lessons are emerging for other states to emulate, as showcased by Arkansas and Vermont in NASHP’s recent webinar: *The Promise and Pitfalls of State-Based Payment Reform*.

[In this blog](#), we profile these two very different states, which both have major innovative reform

initiatives underway. Both are leaders, but one is in the south, and the other in the northeast. One has a Republican governor, one a Democratic governor. A dominant health plan and employer in one, and a more diverse insurance market in the other. Both have a history of reform, but the tales are unique, as are their models.

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Correction

In the May 19 Enews, we reported that Susan Fox is a member of NASHP's Health Care Access & Finance Committee, but she is actually a member of the [Long Term & Chronic Care Steering Committee](#).

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