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State Medicaid Expansion Plans: 2015 Recap and 2016 Possibilities

As 2015 comes to a close, Medicaid expansion activity in states has not slowed down. Currently, [30 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid](#), and six of these states have chosen to pursue waivers to implement alternative versions of expansion. As the new year approaches, a number of additional states are considering options for expanding Medicaid—either as outlined by the ACA or through waivers—and other states are planning to propose

modifications to their existing expansion models. A new blog looks at selected state snapshots to provide a summary of key highlights from 2015 Medicaid expansion activity and what to watch for in the coming year. [Read the full summary here](#).

2015: The State Health Policy Year in Review

NASHP Executive Director, Trish Riley provides a [year-end review](#) of state health policy in 2015.

"NASHP has long been a key health policy go-to for states, and 2015 was no different. It's hard to believe it's only been a year since I rejoined the organization. We began 2015 hearing from [governors across the country calling for progress](#) in reducing health care cost growth, discussing state based exchanges, improving behavioral health services, and proposing changes to Medicaid programs, investments in prevention, and drug treatment..." [Read the full year-end review 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.

Open Position: Communications and Community Engagement Associate

NASHP is seeking a Communications and Community Engagement Associate to carry out work consistent with our mission of promoting excellence in state health policy and practice. The position will work with NASHP staff to implement digital marketing, publications and events tactics. The successful candidate will manage our website and online community engagement strategies, utilize strong organizational and writing skills, and demonstrate a passion for media and community outreach. [See all our job postings](#).

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