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**Newsletter**

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### [New Learning Collaborative Opportunity](#)

#### [From Engagement to Evidence: Using PCOR and CER to Inform State Policymaking](#)

With support from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), NASHP is excited to announce a [new learning collaborative opportunity](#) for three states seeking to develop or enhance processes for evidence-based health policymaking with a specific focus on using patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER), furthering inter-agency collaboration, and engaging patients in policy development.

The request for applications for this opportunity is available [here](#).

#### Key Dates:

- **September 16, 2015** : Informational Webinar: 1:00-2:00pm, ET. Please [click here](#) to register.
- **October 7, 2015**: Application deadline
- **October 16, 2015**: Notification of state selection

This work is supported through a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Program Award (EA-2159-CHPD). The Milbank Memorial Fund is also a contributing sponsor, supporting the involvement of the Center for Evidence-based Policy at the Oregon Health & Science University.

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### [Navigator Grants Announced](#)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently [announced](#) Marketplace Navigator grants to 100 organizations in 34 states operating FFMs, SPMs, and supported SBMs. The three year-long grants, totaling \$67 million, were awarded to support outreach efforts designed to connect people with local help as they seek to understand the coverage options and financial assistance available at HealthCare.gov. This [table](#) provides information regarding which counties the grantee will serve and their target populations.

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## Opening Plenary Announced!

### [The Double-Edged Sword of Health Care Integration: Consolidation and Cost Control](#)

Highlighting the double-edged sword of efforts to integrate health care [this presentation](#) focuses on the consolidation and cost control.

On the one hand, integration promises to reduce fragmentation, improve care coordination, and reduce overutilization. Integration also has a downside: increased health care consolidation leading to markedly higher prices and undermining cost-control. Limits on federal antitrust enforcement leave a big role for states to tackle the ongoing wave of consolidation spurred by health care integration. Featuring [Erin C. Fuse Brown](#) , Assistant Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law, [this presentation](#) describes policy options for state health policymakers to reap the benefits of integration while managing the downsides of consolidation.

#### Keynote speaker:

[Erin C. Fuse Brown](#)

Assistant Professor of Law

Georgia State University College of Law

*Early Bird Registration ends September 18, 2015.*

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## Upcoming Webinars:

### [Beyond Medicaid: Critical Roles for Public Health, Insurance, and State Employees Departments in Fostering Multi-Payer Payment Reform](#)

September 23, 2015 1:00pm (ET)

This [webinar](#) will demonstrate the key role that state agencies other than Medicaid (e.g., Public Health, Insurance, State Employees) can have in designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform as well as, highlight successful inter-agency collaborations and partnerships in designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform at the state level.

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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 Refor(u)m 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**.

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For more information on becoming a NASHP partner contact [Ellen Toups](#).

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