



Learning from Each Other: The Roles of States in Transforming their Health Systems

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States are invited to participate in an upcoming National Governors Association Center for Best Practices meeting, *Learning from Each Other: The Roles of States in Transforming their Health Systems*, January 14-15, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

The most powerful transformations in health care are occurring through governors at the state level with efforts focusing on maintaining and improving the quality of health care and controlling costs. This meeting provides a unique opportunity for governors' senior staff to connect with the architects of successful state-led transformation efforts. It will emphasize the "how" of health systems transformation with sessions that provide interactive dialogues and concrete examples of the policy options, levers and leadership strategies that states have successfully used to improve health outcomes and reduce costs.

Some of the reforms highlighted during the meeting will include:

- Developing new, integrated Medicaid programs that allow for improved care, flexible budgeting and decreased state costs;
- Aligning quality and efficiency reforms among public programs, employers, other private payers and health care providers;
- Breaking down siloes among Medicaid, public health and mental health agencies;
- Leveraging data from Medicaid, private insurers, hospitals and public health agencies to significantly improve quality and reduce costs; and
- Training and retaining the optimum health care workforce to meet state needs.

Attendees will include key state officials (such as governors' health policy advisors, cabinet members, and other state health leadership), senior level staff from federal health agencies, and external subject matter experts. By participating in this meeting, states will have the opportunity to:

- Customize their experience by selecting breakout topics that fit their level of readiness and interest;
- Network and interact with other states that are pursuing or implementing similar innovations;
- Participate in hands-on workshops with expert faculty and interact with federal officials;
- Discuss challenges associated with designing and implementing transformation plans and potential best practices or solutions; and
- Discuss policy options and operational strategies that address the critical pieces to developing a high value health system.