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Newsletter

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New State Checklist: Medicaid-Related Provisions Impacted by an ACA Repeal

NASHP, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), presents a [checklist](#) for all states that identifies key requirements of the ACA that impact state Medicaid and CHIP programs and poses questions for state officials to consider in preparing for actions that may need to be taken upon repeal. NASHP is pleased to share this tool allowing other states to preliminarily assess the impact of repeal on state Medicaid programs and identify efforts that would need to be taken upon repeal. This piece compliments NASHP's recently released [An Overview of ACA Provisions and Their Repeal Implications for States](#) . [See the checklist](#) .

High Risk Pools Deja Vu – Lessons from States, Questions for Policymakers

Congress has begun its Affordable Care Act (ACA) repeal effort and evolving replacement options are receiving considerable attention. In our latest [blog](#) by Trish Riley, NASHP is tracking issues that appear in multiple proposals and will provide state perspectives, including: How might they impact states? What might they cost? Have they been tried before in states and what did we learn from past initiatives? [Read the full blog](#).

Federal and State Collaboration to Improve Health Through Housing

State and federal policymakers increasingly acknowledge that health is difficult to achieve and maintain for people without a stable home. The cross-sector nature of efforts to provide health care, housing, and housing-related services to vulnerable populations can make it difficult for health and housing policymakers to align and coordinate their work. With support from The Commonwealth

Fund, federal and state policymakers met in December 2016 to identify concrete policy recommendations and actionable steps to align programs to ensure that people with high service needs receive the housing and supportive services they need to become and stay healthy. [Read the full brief here](#).

State Legislation Action on Pharmaceutical Prices Map Updated

As the 2017 state legislative sessions kick off, NASHP is continuing our work tracking [legislative action](#) on pharmaceutical pricing. Last year, states introduced dozens of bills on pharmaceutical prices, and the trend is expected to continue in 2017. A series of maps and accompanying chart summarize

state legislation across six major “themes,” transparency, reimportation, pharmacy benefit managers, volume purchasing, research, and price regulation. These tools are the part of the [NASHP Pharmacy Costs Workgroup](#), an ongoing project that looks beyond the strategies currently used in states to identify and develop new ideas, which address the growing problem of prescription drug costs.

We will continue to track this legislation as it occurs so [check back](#) often.

Webinar: Primary Care Provider Burnout: What States Need to Know and What They Can Do About It

February 8, 2017, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

As primary care practices struggle to keep up with the growing demands of a constantly changing healthcare environment, states experience increasing difficulty recruiting busy practices to participate in delivery and payment reform demonstrations. This trend mirrors increasing rates of provider burnout. Using the experience of the [Heart of Virginia Healthcare](#) (HVH) as a lens, this webinar will provide an overview of the scope and impact of provider burnout, particularly as it relates to state health policy and what states can do about it. HVH is one of seven regional cooperatives reaching 1,500 primary care practices nationwide as part of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's [EvidenceNOW](#) initiative. With the anticipation of more changes to our health system, it is more important than ever for state officials to have an

awareness of primary care burnout and to consider a proactive response.

Speakers :

- Anton Kuzel, MD, MHPE, Principal Investigator, Heart of Virginia Healthcare, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Cathy Kelly, FNP, Charles City Regional Health Services
- Michael Talley, Practice Coach, Physician Practice Consultant, Health Quality Innovators
- William Hazel, Jr., MD, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia

For additional information on burnout, please see NASHP's recent brief [Primary Care Provider Burnout: Implications for States & Strategies for Mitigation](#) .

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[Release of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Technical Assistance Tools](#)

CMS has published two new technical assistance documents to assist state policy makers with the implementation of mental health and substance use disorder parity requirements for Medicaid and CHIP programs.

The Parity Compliance Toolkit provides detailed technical guidance and tools to help states understand and perform the parity analysis for each of the requirements of the final parity rules. The Parity Implementation Roadmap provides policymakers a practical overview of how to approach parity implementation and compliance from a planning and operational perspective. Both documents are available at the [CMS website](#) .

A webinar providing an overview of materials and resources will be held on **February 9, 2017 at 1:30 PM ET** . To participate in this webinar: Call-in 1-844-396-8222 ID: 902 987 391 or register below.

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[Open Position: Policy Associate – Emerging Issues Team](#)

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is looking for a Policy Associate to join our Emerging Issues team! Work will focus on state health insurance and exchanges; health care costs; and a wide array of health issues that confront states in today's dynamic environment. The Policy Associate is a midlevel position and applicants must have strong analytic and writing skills and ability to work closely with state officials and the NASHP team. A legal background and/or experience in state government, particularly working in a state based exchange, insurance department or legislative staff, is strongly preferred. [For more information and to apply](#) .

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