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Snapshot of Governors' Views on Extending CHIP

A new [chart](#) focuses on gubernatorial views surrounding extending the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Policymakers in Congress are considering the role of the CHIP in the context of health coverage options available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Federal funding for CHIP is due to end in September, 2015. To help inform these federal legislative discussions, the leadership of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Finance Committee sent a request to all governors seeking state input about the future of CHIP. NASHP created the [chart](#) to share a snapshot of the governors' responses to key questions from Congress about CHIP.

New Brief: The Role of Nurses in Certifying Minnesota Health Care Homes

Minnesota Health Care Homes (HCH), a patient-centered medical home initiative, utilizes [regionally-based nurse planners](#) to ensure that HCH practices are meeting specific standards of care that aim to foster improved health outcomes and consumer satisfaction, while also controlling costs. Nurse planners are charged with certifying primary care practices as HCHs and providing practices with resources and technical assistance to help them improve their capacity to function as a HCH.

Nurse Planner Joan Kindt discusses health care home standards with Marie Maes-Voreis, Director of Health Care Homes, Minnesota Department of Health.

In addition to highlighting state policy implications, this [brief](#) also showcases how [Joan Kindt](#),

nurse planner, assists practices in functioning as HCHs that provide patients with quality, comprehensive and coordinated care. Nurse planners, like Joan, have helped to certify over 40 percent of primary care practices in the state.

This [brief](#) is the fourth in a [six-part series](#), supported by the AARP Public Policy Institute, which explores the evolving role of nurses in new delivery system models.

State Refor(u)m Blog Post: Identifying Value in Multi-Payer Reform: The Nuts and Bolts of Quality Measurement

While many states are moving away from a fee-for-service health care payment system and towards a payment system that rewards quality, how are they defining and measuring quality? State Refor(u)m's [newest blog post](#), supported by Kaiser Permanente, examines some of the ways states are selecting and defining the measures and metrics that provide the data needed to implement a quality-based payment system. The post highlights experiences in both Minnesota and Oregon.

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