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## Newsletter

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### Election Day is Here!

In our latest [blog](#), NASHP's Executive Director Trish Riley takes a look at this election and what role states play in the future of health policy. Tomorrow it will all be over, this long, costly, bitter, and divisive election will be behind us and we will know who America has chosen as our President, who has been elected to Congress, and a host of other important electoral outcomes. While this election has too often highlighted the differences within our country, a recent news story caught my attention - a bakery in North Carolina is reviving the tradition of baking election cakes. It seems our forbears celebrated each election with community events and rum soaked cakes – where all sides came together to celebrate democracy. [Continue reading](#).

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### Upcoming Webinar: Coverage of Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Services

**Wednesday November 9, 2016 from 3:00-4:30pm ET**

Dial-in: 877-918-6628; Passcode: 3925405

Webinar URL: [https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/hrsa-cms\\_national\\_webinar/](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/hrsa-cms_national_webinar/)

The Federal Home Visiting Program (also known as the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhoods Home Visiting Program or MIECHV) aims to develop and implement home visiting programs that use models proven to improve child health and cost effectiveness. Many states have seen success through Medicaid financing of Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) to enhance home visiting coverage and improve outcomes of Medicaid recipient populations. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, and the Health Resources and Services Administration have been working collaboratively to inform states about resources available to help them meet the needs of pregnant women and families with young children through evidence-based home visiting services. Join us on **Thursday, November 9th from 3:00-4:30pm ET** to hear from representatives from HRSA, CMS and the state of South Carolina to discuss federal resources and opportunities, and state strategies for coverage of evidence-based home visiting services.

Speakers:

- David W. Willis, MD, FAAP, Division Director of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration
- Marguerite Schervisch, Technical Director, Division of Benefits and Coverage, The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
- William Camp, MHA, MCO Contract Manager/ Nurse Family Partnership Program Manager, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Kay Johnson, President, Johnson Group Consulting

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## Webinar: Leveraging Managed Care Contract Language to Improve SUD Purchasing Strategies

In 2014, CMS launched a collaborative between the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) called the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). The goal of IAP is to improve the care and health for Medicaid beneficiaries and reduce costs by supporting states' ongoing payment and service delivery reforms through targeted technical support. As part of our efforts to roll out what we and our partner states have learned from our first year of the Reducing Substance Use Disorders program area, we invite you to join the final webinar in our four-part national dissemination webinar series on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM ET**.

In the December webinar entitled "*Leveraging Managed Care Contract Language to Improve SUD Purchasing Strategies*" we will discuss key elements of managed care contracting that promote good stewardship and purchasing of substance use disorder (SUD) services. Specifically, we will discuss core contract components where SUD service delivery may be strengthened, including benefit design; standards of care; network adequacy; quality metrics; and integration of SUD and physical health. There will be two featured state partners on the webinar panel to discuss their efforts to offer a comprehensive SUD treatment care continuum. On this webinar:

- Virginia Medicaid will discuss how they are working with managed care entities to transform their SUD delivery system to provide the SUD care continuum, remove treatment gaps, and meet the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria standards of care; and
- Massachusetts Medicaid will share how they expanded access to SUD care using consistent contract language with their managed care entities, and assigned regional network managers to monitor quality.

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## SAVE-THE-DATE: Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program: Data Analytic Support for State Medicaid Agencies

CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) was designed to improve health and health care for Medicaid beneficiaries by supporting state Medicaid agencies' ongoing efforts related to payment and delivery system reforms. In addition to working with states across program priority areas, IAP also provides targeted technical support and tools to states in four functional areas: data analytics, quality measurement, performance improvement, and payment modeling and financial simulations. This December, CMS is launching a technical support opportunity for Medicaid agencies seeking to design, develop, and/or implement data analytic strategies related to their Medicaid programs' delivery system reform efforts.

More information about the opportunity, including a program overview and expression of interest form will be posted on the [Medicaid IAP webpage](#) in the next few weeks. A webinar will be held on **December 8, 2016 at 3:00PM ET** to introduce states to the opportunity, answer questions, and provide an explanation of the state selection process. Webinar participants will also learn about the individualized support IAP is providing to states to address their data analytic needs across a wide range of topics, such as developing an analytic plan, designing an approach to integrate non-Medicare datasets, interpreting statistical output, or developing statistical programs to analyze and monitor their Medicaid programs.

This webinar is open to all state and territory Medicaid agencies. If you have any questions regarding this webinar contact Nicholas Cummings at [nicholas.cummings@truvenhealth.com](mailto:nicholas.cummings@truvenhealth.com).

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### [Open Position: Research Analyst - Child & Family Health Team](#)

NASHP is looking for a Research Analyst to join the organization's Child and Family Health Team. This team's work focuses on promotion of and support for state innovations in health care delivery design and transformation for improved child and family health outcomes. Specific projects would include work on the role of Medicaid in infant mortality reduction and the use of alternative Medicaid and CHIP payment models and contracting levers – including managed care – to improve maternal and infant health. This position may be located in either Portland, Maine or Washington, DC. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

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