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States Successful at Reducing Unintended Pregnancies

Two years ago, Colorado reported success in dramatically reducing the state's teen birth and abortion rates by 48 percent from 2009 to 2014 through a privately funded initiative that provided long-acting reversible contraception, known as LARCs. In early April, Colorado legislators approved \$2.5 million in state funding to provide LARCs to low-income women. Colorado is also among 13 states that have developed policies to remove barriers to the utilization of LARC methods for Medicaid-eligible women.

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The Performance Push: Feds Encourage Measurement in the States

Federal grants to states often come with strings attached, including fairly stringent performance measurement requirements. While these requirements can be difficult for states, CSG Senior Fellows Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene say there are some important benefits, too. But while there has been steady pressure from the federal government to show the impact of funding, there's also a recognition that states need to have some discretion in what and how they measure.

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New Treasury Rules Could Affect Federal and State Tax Revenue

States may reap some revenue rewards following the rollout of new rules by the U.S. Treasury Department related to corporate income taxes. On April 4, 2016, the Treasury Department announced new regulations that are intended to make it more difficult for companies to pursue corporate inversions--the practice used by companies to reincorporate overseas in order to reduce their tax burden on income earned abroad--and to reduce subsequent profits for tax purposes--through a tactic called earnings stripping.

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Scientific Consensus: Zika Causes Microcephaly

The World Health Organization announced in late March scientific evidence that the Zika virus causes microcephaly in babies and

State Regulation of Rideshare Companies

Rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft have produced a whirlwind of state government activity since 2013 with more

other serious neurological diseases in people of all ages. This is the strongest language yet on the connection of the virus and certain neurological conditions. According to WHO, Zika virus transmission has been reported in 61 countries and territories between Jan. 1, 2007, and March 30, 2016.

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than 30 states and the District of Columbia approving legislation to address the legality of the services and other issues. The issue of the adequacy of insurance for rideshare drivers has produced some of the most significant questions for lawmakers. A model law developed by the National Conference of Insurance Legislators has become a template for many of the state laws passed in recent months, but some states have approved rideshare laws with unique features.

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Supreme Court Midterm for the States

Perhaps the U.S. Supreme Court's midterm has come and gone. The court will only hear argument in 10 more cases and the term will end June 30. But the Supreme Court has issued decisions in less than half of the cases of the term so far. So now might be just the time to take stock of the Supreme Court's term as it relates to the states. The court already decided two big cases and has four more left to go—only one of those will have no direct impacts on the states.

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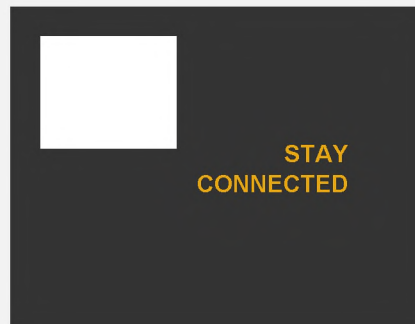
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