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Children's Health: Options for Continued Coverage

For almost 20 years, CHIP has been an essential program providing low- to moderate-income children and pregnant women with appropriate, affordable coverage that with Medicaid has drastically reduced the number of uninsured children nationwide. The coming months will be an important time period for children's coverage because without

Congressional action federal funding for CHIP is not guaranteed beyond September 2017. Many state Medicaid and CHIP officials are already beginning to consider what options may be available to their states if funding for CHIP is delayed or not extended.

With support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, NASHP has developed a number of resources that highlight states' CHIP programs and some of the current policy questions that may be useful as state and federal policymakers consider what the future holds for children's coverage.

- **[NEW! 2016 CHIP State Fact Sheets Released](#)**
With help from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), NASHP is releasing 2016 **[CHIP fact sheets](#)** that provide up-to-date information about CHIP for each state, including data on enrollment, participation rates, eligibility levels, benefits, cost sharing requirements, and other key program characteristics.
- **[A Closer Look at Policy Options](#)**
Our recently released **[Potential Options and Policy Questions for Improving Exchange Coverage for Children](#)** that examines ways for improving exchange coverage for children in terms of both affordability and pediatric benefit adequacy, which builds upon the policy options identified in **[this previous NASHP brief](#)** .
- **[A Timeline if Federal CHIP Funding Ends](#)**
This CHIP **[timeline](#)** based on input from state CHIP officials that outlines key budgetary, statutory, and programmatic issues and changes that states with separate CHIP programs would need to consider and/or implement if future federal funding for CHIP remains uncertain.

How Health System Transformation Efforts are Improving Access to Care for Children and Youth

A [new blog](#) looks at how states are rapidly undertaking major reforms within their health care delivery systems in ways that often offer opportunities to positively impact how this children and youth accesses care. In a recent NASHP webinar several states described how their health system transformation efforts are doing so, and the new [blog](#) outlines work in Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio. [Read the full blog](#).

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/

The Federal Home Visiting Program (also known as the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood 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

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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