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## Newsletter

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### **New Blog: Traveling Medical Home Team Brings Multi-Disciplinary Services to Remote Tasmania**

As part of her 10-month study , Mary Takach looks at a traveling medical home team in Tasmania, Australia's only island state, Tasmania encompasses an area of 26,262 square miles – an area roughly the size of West Virginia – and is home to just over half a million Australians, most of them low income. [Integrated Care Chronic Disease Teams](#) , initially focused on those with diabetes, now operate with the goal of delivering comprehensive, integrated services including mental health, diabetes education, exercise physiology, nutritional counseling, among others in a state where short distances can take hours to navigate. These services enable primary care clinicians to serve as medical homes to their patients living in remote and rural mountainous regions and in small island communities. [See full post.](#)

### **Don't Forget to Register for Our Webinar: Building an Equitable Health Care Delivery System: Federal and State Strategies**

April 2, 2015

3:30-4:30pm ET

Federal and state policymakers are increasingly focused on addressing disparities as part of their approach to improving health, improving health care quality, and reducing costs. This webinar will discuss aligning payment models, creating new partnerships, and building infrastructure and data systems to achieve health equity. Speakers from Ohio and Louisiana will describe their states' health equity initiatives and the federal programs they are leveraging. An official from the CMS Office of Minority Health will describe federal resources to help states advance health equity and opportunities for alignment of federal and state activities.

Register Here

## Spotlight on Strategic Alliance Partner: United Healthcare

**United Healthcare** Community & State  
is the largest health benefits company

dedicated to providing diversified solutions to states that care for the economically disadvantaged, the medically underserved and those without benefit of employer-funded health care coverage. For more information on becoming a partner contact Ellen Toups, Development Director, 202-507-7595 or [development@nashp.org](mailto:development@nashp.org)

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