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Newsletter

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New Brief and Infographic!

Braiding and Blending Funding Streams to Meet the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Considerations for State Health Policymakers

A new [brief](#) looks at the non-Medicaid funding sources states could potentially blend or braid to address social determinants of health and other needs that are not typically covered by Medicaid. The new [brief](#) builds upon the recent chart [Meeting the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Funding Sources Available to States](#).

Also released is a new [infographic](#) addressing the struggle of Jean, a fictional low-income adult, who benefits substantially from different state programs, but spends a good deal of time bouncing from agency to agency like a Ping-Pong ball in a complex, uncoordinated system of referrals.

Read the full [brief](#) or download the [infographic](#).

Bolstering State Efforts to Screen for Postpartum Depression

Our latest [blog](#) looks at depression screening for pregnant and postpartum women. This screening is not new; several states have been tackling the issue for more than a decade. [Read the full blog](#).

Webinar: Possible Opportunities for States to Improve Private Health Insurance for Children

February 25, 2016

3:30 PM (ET)

While Medicaid and CHIP are important health coverage programs for children, nearly half of all children are covered through the private insurance market. This [webinar](#) will explore several areas that states may have some leverage to help affect change or improve aspects of coverage for children within the private market, including discussions about mandated benefits, network adequacy standards, affordability and what we know about transitions for children moving between public and private coverage. Speakers will consider not only the potential advantages to pursuing improvements for children and families seeking coverage through the private market, but also the costs that may be associated.

Moderator: Trish Riley , Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

Speakers:

- **Brian Webb** , Manager of Health Policy and Legislation, National Association of Insurance Commissioners
- **Christina Goe** , General Counsel, Montana Commissioner of Insurance and Securities
- **Sarah Kwiatkowski** , Senior Health Policy Advisor, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commission

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New Report: Advancing Healthcare Transformation Through a State Surgeon General Model

As population health plays a larger role in reforming the health care system, policymakers may consider implementing new leadership models to direct cross-sector population health improvement efforts. With responsibilities largely mirroring those of the U.S. Surgeon General, a State Surgeon General (SSG) could be one model to provide executive-level physician leadership and contribute to the development of effective state population health policies. This [brief](#) identifies opportunities and challenges for a SSG model by exploring roles, governance, financing, and sustainability. [Read the full brief](#) .

Webinar: State Medicaid Agencies & the AHC Model

Register now for the third Accountable Health Communities Model learning event, **February 10, 2016 at 3pm ET** . The webinar will focus on the role of state Medicaid agencies in the AHC Model.

This webinar is open to all interested state Medicaid agencies and potential applicants to the CMS Accountable Health Communities Model. The AHC team highly encourages state Medicaid agencies to attend!

Please visit the CMS Innovation Center [website](#) to learn more about the Accountable Health Communities Model and a new self-assessment checklists by Track.

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Webinar on Improving Health Care Quality for Children in Medicaid and CHIP

Join the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 11 at 2:00 p.m. ET for the free webinar, [Amplify Your Impact on Child Health Quality: Learning from the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program](#). Advance registration is encouraged, but not required.

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Opportunity for Support in Physical and Mental Health Integration

CMS has extended the deadline and is still accepting [Expression of Interest forms](#) from states interested in the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) [Physical and Mental Integration \(PMH\) initiative](#). The IAP PMH provides targeted program support to states seeking to expand and/or refine existing physical and mental health integration efforts. **Interested states should submit their forms by February 12, 2016.**

Opportunity to Improve the Quality of Children's Health Care Through Customized Technical Assistance

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is offering [technical assistance and peer-to-peer learning opportunities](#) to support State health care quality improvement projects for children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.

Interested States must submit an [Expression of Interest Form](#) no later than Thursday, February 25. For more details on the knowledge transfer opportunity and instructions on how to apply, please visit: <http://www.ahrq.gov/policymakers/chipra/demoeval/whatsnew.html#ta>.

Open Position: Project Director, Policy

NASHP seeks a seasoned professional to work directly with the Executive Director to identify and address emerging federal and state health policy issues that have cross-cutting significance to NASHP's policy work and analyze their potential impact on and challenges for states. The position will assist in project development and management and work closely with NASHP's policy and communication staff to assure NASHP's products are timely and value added to the policy debate. [See all our job postings](#).

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