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[Congress Passes CARA, States to Strengthen Infrastructure and Provider Capacity to Address Opioid Abuse](#)

Congress passed the final version of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) on July 13. Major provisions within CARA will expand access to overdose rescue medication (naloxone) and medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorders. [See our latest blog.](#)

[Data for Change: How States Have Used APCDs to Drive Innovation](#)

Our [new blog](#) looks at how states have used APCDs to drive innovation. State-run APCDs are a critical public resource and serve a unique function in the current era of health care reform.

APCDs, which are operating in 18 states, provide fair and equal access to independently validated data that can both support evidence-based policymaking as well as help patients navigate the health care system. These databases are also the only publically accessible, independent resources available to analyze the billions of dollars spent on health care through private health insurance markets. [Read the full blog](#) .

Vermont Governor, Peter Shumlin,
Confirmed to Speak at NASHP's Annual
State Health Policy Conference

Don't miss the opportunity to hear **Governor Peter Shumlin** speak during the **Anatomy of a Crisis: Lessons from the Opioid Epidemic** preconference that will take place on Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Wyndham Grand in Pittsburgh, PA. Registration for the Conference is [now open!](#)

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Webinar: SUD Benefit Design and the Care Continuum

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 their efforts to roll out what they and their partner states have learned from the first year of the Reducing Substance Use Disorders program area, CMS invites you to join their next national dissemination webinar on **Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST**. For this national dissemination webinar, they have invited several partners to participate on a panel and discuss the continuum of care for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, with a focus on recovery support services. On this webinar:

- The Treatment Research Institute (TRI) will discuss designing SUD benefits within a chronic disease model,
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will build on TRI's presentation by discussing recovery-oriented support services within a Medicaid and evidence-based context, and
- The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania will share its ongoing work to support access to recovery support services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

To join this webinar, please go to: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/m5c055wuc8y&eom> or register below. Call in information: 866.740.1260; Access Code: 1079645

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Open Position: Project Director - Chronic & Vulnerable Populations Team

The National Academy for State Health Policy is seeking an individual to join our growing Chronic and Vulnerable Populations (CVP) policy team as a Project Director. The Project Director will lead day-to-day operations for at least one major initiative for NASHP, and will join additional project teams as a senior team member. The primary focus of this work will be on state healthcare delivery system reforms that improve care delivery for chronically ill and vulnerable populations. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#)

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