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State Health Policy Grant Recipients Announced

NASHP and the Health Care Cost Institute (HCCI) announced the recipients of the State Health Policy Grant Program. The program has [selected five research projects](#) that will analyze state health reform initiatives and policy trends. The ultimate goal of the grant program is to evaluate and report on state health policy initiatives, with the overall purpose of improving the value delivered by the U.S. health care system. See the full announcement [here](#).

New State Refor(u)m Chart on SIM and Population Health

Late last year, HHS announced that Round Two of the State Innovation Model (SIM) Test Awards would be awarded to support www.statereforum.org 11 states' efforts to build multi-payer models of health system transformation. Population health is an important component of the SIM awards and applicants were required to describe how their models would improve population health. State Refor(u)m's [latest chart](#) outlines these 11 Round Two SIM states' population health improvement strategies as defined by the states' proposals and other documents. The chart includes links to the relevant parts of the proposals and to the other documents.

Information about the Round One SIM Test Award states can be found in this previous [State Refor\(u\)m chart](#).

New Webinar: Building an Equitable Health Care Delivery System: Federal and State Strategies

April 2, 2015

3:30-4:30pm ET

[Register here](#)

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.

Missed Our Webinar? Recordings and Slides Available: The Promise and Pitfalls of State-based Payment Reform

Many states across the nation are in the process of designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform initiatives. The goals of these initiatives are to improve patient experience, improve the health of populations, and reduce health care costs. Our recent [webinar](#) addressed how current payment reform models can help fix our broken health care delivery system and assist states to achieve the Triple Aim.

You can listen to any of our previous webinars by visiting our [webinar archives](#).

Spotlight on Corporate Partner: Optum

Optum is a health services company with more than 35,000 people dedicated to making the health system work better for everyone. Their solutions and services are used at nearly every point in the health care system, from provider selection to diagnosis and treatment, and from network management, administration and payments to the innovation of better medications, therapies, and procedures. For more information visit, <http://www.optum.com> or to learn more about NASHP partnerships please email development@nashp.org.

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National Academy for State Health Policy

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