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Last Chance to Nominate a Rising Star!

The [award](#) will be presented at the upcoming Annual Health Policy Conference October 19-21 in Dallas, TX. Recipient of the 2015 Rising Star award will receive an all expense paid trip to the conference. **DEADLINE TO NOMINATE IS AUGUST 11, 2015!**

Enhancing Oral Health Access Through Safety Net Partnerships: A Primer and Resource Guide for Medicaid Agencies

Safety net providers play a critical role in delivering oral health services to low-income and vulnerable populations, including Medicaid enrollees; however, there is still a substantial need for improved access to these services. A [new primer](#), funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration, describes three types of HRSA-supported safety net providers, the types of services each provides and their reimbursement mechanisms. Additionally, it explores three potential areas for synergies between Medicaid and safety net providers to support improved access to oral health care: augmenting the oral health workforce, building physical and virtual infrastructure to deliver oral health services, and integrating oral health and primary care. Read the full primer [here](#).

New Resource: State Profiles on Medical Home Models for Children

NASHP is collaborating with the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) to develop state profiles highlighting various programs implementing and advancing the medical home model for pediatric populations. These profiles are part of a project that focuses on exchanging information to improve medical home access for medically underserved children and youth. Most recently, NASHP featured how [Missouri's Health Home programs](#) integrate primary care and behavioral health to improve care for children and adult Medicaid beneficiaries. Other profiles are available on the [State Profiles](#) page of the NCMHI website.

[State Refor\(u\)m](#) is now part of NASHP news. Get all our great news in one place.

[New Blog: Another Look at Essential Health Benefits, Habilitative Services and States: Where Are They Now?](#)

Earlier this year, HHS issued a final rule that implemented changes to the standards for the ACA's essential health benefits, including a uniform definition of habilitative services effective in the 2016 plan year. This [State Refor\(u\)m blog post](#) examines at the new definition in more detail and how some states are revisiting their definitions related to habilitative services.

[Attending the 2015 Annual Health Policy Meeting in Dallas? Don't miss our evening networking reception.](#)

They say everything's bigger in Texas, so after a BIG day of learning, sharing best practices and hearing from the nation's leading experts in state health policy, join us for BIG fun at legendary Dallas destination, [Gilley's](#).

Kick back and relax with an ice-cold beverage and make sure to mosey on over to the salsa bar, street taco station and enchilada bar (to name just a few). With such BIG flavors, sounds and surroundings, this event is sure to please!

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to connect with fellow conference-goers and experience Dallas. Yeehaw! Don't forget to select this event when you fill out your conference [registration](#).

Scholarship Opportunity for State Agency Staff

NASHP is co-hosting a meeting to support learning, skill-building, and strategy development to foster sound Medicaid managed care procurement. State teams are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend this meeting held in conjunction with NASHP's Annual State Health Policy Meeting. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Webinar, Register Now! Sharing Information Across Physical and Behavioral Health: Debunking Myths, Developing Strategies

August 6, 2015, 2:30pm (ET)

[Register Here](#)

Integrating physical and mental health services requires that personal health information be shared appropriately across various settings in order to promote care coordination and better outcomes. In their efforts to support physical and mental health integration, state policymakers can sometimes face barriers to this flow of information due to federal and state laws, provider culture, technical roadblocks, and other factors. This [webinar](#) will provide a brief overview by Karla Lopez from the Legal Action Center of the federal statutory framework, specifically in the context of integrating physical and behavioral health care. Presentations by state policymakers from New York and North Carolina will then highlight successful tools and strategies used by these states to support integrated care, including the development of standardized forms and tools, engaging behavioral health providers in using health IT, and working with diverse stakeholders to identify issues and solutions to state-specific problems. This webinar is supported by the Commonwealth Fund.

[Register](#)

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