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***King v. Burwell* Oral Arguments Begin Tomorrow**

NASHP today released a [statement](#) from Trish Riley, Executive Director, on the Supreme Court case and the implications for states. "*King's* challenge to whether the Affordable Care Act's premium subsidies can be made available in states with exchanges run by the federal government could have significant implications, as many as eight million Americans may be affected by the outcome. Insurance markets could see significant premium increases and health care providers could lose billions." See the [full statement](#).

Nearly 1,000 Participants Tuned in to Learn More About the Community Health Workers Model

Hundreds of health policy leaders joined our [webinar](#) last month on community health workers or CHWs. As states transform their health systems, many are turning to CHWs to tackle some of the most challenging aspects of health improvement, such as facilitating care coordination, enhancing access to community-based services, and addressing social determinants of health. As interest in CHWs continues to rise, so do challenges related to defining roles and scope of practice, training and certification, financing, and integrating CHWs into evolving health care systems. This [webinar](#) described the federal government's investment in CHWs and featured speakers from state agencies in Massachusetts, New Mexico, and South Carolina. [State Refor\(u\)m](#) also created a [chart](#) on state community health worker models.

New Blog: Taxes and the ACA What You Need to Know

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) makes health insurance coverage more affordable for many Americans by providing federal premium tax credits to eligible individuals. To help make this coverage more affordable for everyone purchasing through marketplaces, the ACA requires all Americans purchase coverage or pay a penalty. The 2014 tax season will be the first year these new requirements apply. In a new [blog](#), NASHP's Allison Wils takes a look at the new requirements, and provides a helpful [cheat sheet](#) outlining the various forms and exemptions.

Webinar: Cross-Systems Collaboration: Working Together to Identify and Support Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

March 3, 2015

3:30-4:30 pm ET

[Register here](#)

Multiple state agencies and organizations are working to identify and support children with special physical, emotional, and developmental disabilities. Coordination and collaboration across systems, including the sharing of data, increases the ability for states to identify children at risk and ensure they are receiving the appropriate physical and mental health, and developmental services. This webinar will feature speakers from the District of Columbia, Iowa, and Kansas, who will discuss collaborations across state programs that impact the identification and treatment of children in need of specific services.

Spotlight on Strategic Alliance Partner: MAXIMUS

For nearly 40 years, MAXIMUS has operated under our founding mission of Helping Government Serve the People. MAXIMUS offers a single-market focus and a unique understanding of how to deliver high quality, cost-effective solutions tailored for all levels of government. For more information visit, <http://www.maximus.com> or to learn more about NASHP partnerships please email development@nashp.org.

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