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Newsletter

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2015 Call for Ideas

NASHP invites you to submit agenda ideas for the [28th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#), October 19-21, in Dallas, Texas. Include suggestions for topics and speakers. To submit your idea, email a brief description (no more than 65 words) describing your idea to conference@nashp.org, using the subject line: 2015 Call for Ideas.

All submissions are due by Friday, February 27. Submissions will be shared with conference planning committee. If your idea is incorporated into the agenda, NASHP staff will follow up with you no later than May 30, 2015.

New on State Refor(u)m: Around the Network: Promising Practices on Health Insurance Literacy

Developed by the State Health Exchange Leadership Network, this new document, [Around the Network: Promising Practices](#), provides leading examples of health literacy resources from state-based marketplaces and other stakeholders. Including links throughout to easily access materials such as videos, roadmaps, and toolkits.

New Blog: Pilots in Colorado and Western Australia Integrate Paramedics into Care Team

In her [latest blog](#) from Australia, Mary Takach looks at primary health care organizations (PHCO) working to reduce unnecessary emergency department (ED) visits. Reducing inappropriate utilization of the ED is a very common focus of health systems, payers, and practices seeking to improve health care quality and reduce costs. To help break the cycle of non-emergency ED use, lists of “superutilizers” are generated from a variety of data sources and care managers are assigned to work with these patients. In my [fellowship research project](#) that is comparing publicly funded PHCO in the U.S. and Australia, I have come across two PHCOs, one from each country, that are working with their local fire departments or ambulance services to capitalize on the skills

of paramedics to deter non-emergency transports.

New 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.

Webinar: The Promise and Pitfalls of State-based Payment Reform

February 27, 2015

1:00-2:30pm ET

[Register here](#)

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.

In this webinar, Alan Weil, Editor-in-Chief *Health Affairs*, will provide a framework for how alternative payment models can help transform the delivery system away from a fragmented fee-for-service system while also considering the risks of state-based payment reform models and strategies to mitigate those risks. Joseph Thompson, Director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, and Robin Lunge, Director of Health Care Reform at the Vermont Agency of Administration, will ground this policy presentation in the realities of their payment reform models in Arkansas and Vermont.

National Academy for State Health Policy

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is an independent academy of state health policymakers who are dedicated to helping states achieve excellence in health policy and practice. A non-profit and non-partisan organization, NASHP provides a forum for constructive work across branches and agencies of state government on critical health policy issues. For more information visit www.nashp.org.

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