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Newsletter

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New Brief: [Health Centers' Role in Affordable Care Act Outreach and Enrollment: Experiences from Kentucky and Montana](#)

A new [NASHP issue brief](#) details experience from Montana and Kentucky in working with health center entities to achieve high rates of coverage during the first two years of enrollment under the ACA. This [brief](#), created with support from the Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) Organizations of State and Local Officials Cooperative Agreement, features a case study for each state and shares policy lessons and insights on enrollment that will be of interest to other states as they prepare for the third open enrollment period.

Yesterday, CMS approved Montana to be the 30th state to expand Medicaid for uninsured low-income individuals. As Montana begins to implement this new policy for the coming year, it will leverage a well-organized collaboration with the state's primary care association and health centers to support outreach and enrollment. Kentucky, through its expansion of Medicaid, has led the nation in successful enrollment, outreach strategies, and partnerships. [Read the full brief here](#).

[Top 5 Themes From #NASHPconf15](#)

In the first of a series of follow-up blogs to our 28th Annual Conference, Executive Director Trish Riley highlights the five key themes that emerged in Dallas. [Read the blog here](#).

NASHP Member Anya Rader Wallack Appointed RI Medicaid Director

Rhode Island Health and Human Services Secretary Elizabeth Roberts appointed NASHP member [Anya Rader Wallack](#) as the state's Medicaid Director. She began her new position yesterday.

Rader Wallack has spent her career focused on driving improved health outcomes and expanding access to care through health policy reform. She most recently led HealthSource RI (HSRI) through a transition period and provided a foundation for its ongoing success, including rightsizing the exchange's budget from \$52 million under prior leadership to \$30 million in FY 2016. She also worked closely with the General Assembly to pass legislation that provides sustainable financing for the agency's work. Under her leadership at HSRI and because of the state's embrace of Medicaid expansion and a state-run exchange through the Affordable Care Act, [Rhode Island has cut its uninsured rate by more than half](#).

Webinars

[Corrections and Medicaid Partnerships: Strategies to Enroll Justice-Involved Populations](#)

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

3:00-4:00pm ET

Health coverage can provide individuals who are leaving incarceration with access to physical and behavioral health services critical to their successful reentry into the community. In some states, correctional agencies have partnered with Medicaid agencies to implement procedures to begin the Medicaid application process as individuals are nearing their incarceration release dates. This webinar will feature three states—[Colorado](#), [New Mexico](#), and [Wisconsin](#)—that have initiated efforts to enroll justice-involved individuals in health coverage.

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[Improving Access and Building Behavioral Health Capacity Through Telehealth and Teleconsultation: Lessons from Mississippi and New Mexico](#)

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

3:00-4:00 PM EST

In recent years, states have increasingly turned to telehealth and teleconsultation programs to build provider capacity and increase access for both behavioral and physical health services. Although more research is required, early evidence indicates that these programs result in equal or better care when compared to traditional in-person services and may result in cost savings.

During this [webinar](#), supported by The Commonwealth Fund, [Dr. Kristi Henderson](#), Chief Telehealth & Innovation Officer at University of Mississippi Medical Center, and [Dr. Miriam Komaromy](#), Associate Director at Project ECHO, will discuss their experiences, including best practices, lessons learned, and key takeaways for state policymakers.

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Webinar: Incorporating Delivery System Reform Incentives into Medicaid Waivers: State and Federal Perspectives

Monday, November 23, 2015

12:30pm ET

States are increasingly exploring Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) and DSRIP-like programs as a mechanism to incentivize system transformation and quality improvements in hospitals and other providers that serve high volumes of low-income patients. This [webinar](#) will feature federal and state speakers who will discuss the opportunities and challenges for incorporating DSRIP or DSRIP-like programs into 1115 demonstrations and potential areas for ensuring alignment of federal and state approaches. Participants will hear from the director of the newly created State Demonstrations Group within CMS followed by speakers from New York and Oregon.

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