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### Using CHIP and the ACA to Better Serve Children Now and in the Future

A new [brief](#) from NASHP looks at how the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has and continues to be an important source of coverage for low-to-moderate income children, but federal funding for this program is uncertain beyond September 2017. With support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, NASHP convened a stakeholder group of health policy experts that included national advocates and state officials representing Medicaid, CHIP and health insurance exchanges to explore the policy options states may have to maintain children's coverage into the future. This brief provides an overview of children's current coverage options and summarizes the themes from the stakeholder group's discussions that identified potential options for ensuring strong children's coverage into

the future. [Read the full brief.](#)

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## [Blog: State Insurance Commissions are Children's Coverage Partners Too](#)

More than half of all children in the United States are covered by private insurance. Over the years many efforts have focused on improving public coverage for children. However, with the large number of children enrolled in private health coverage it is important that child health policy officials and stakeholders are familiar with the role of state insurance commissions in regulating this coverage. This [blog post](#) discusses the dual missions of state insurance commissioners – encouraging a robust insurance market while protecting consumers. [Read the full blog](#) .

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## [Webinar: Medicaid Quality Improvement to Address High-Cost Conditions: Spotlight on Diabetes](#)

[Register now](#) for the first in a series of three webinars sponsored by CMS to highlight successes and lessons learned through the [Adult Medicaid Quality](#) (AMQ) Grant Program. The first [webinar](#), scheduled for **Thursday, April 14th**, from 1-2:30 p.m. ET will spotlight states' projects aimed at improving the quality of comprehensive diabetes care for adult Medicaid beneficiaries. State speakers will share interventions, outcomes data, overall results and lessons learned, and CMS will highlight a new opportunity for cross-state learning through a diabetes affinity group. Participants will hear from **Deirdra Stockmann, PhD**, a health insurance specialist at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, and **Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH**, the Chief Medical Officer and Client and Clinical Care Office Director for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; and **Steven Colangelo**, a research analyst at the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

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## [Applications Due Friday for NASHP's Value-Based Payment Reform Academy](#)

NASHP is convening a Value-Based Payment Reform Academy to support states in developing and implementing value-based alternative payment methodologies for federally qualified health centers and/or rural health clinics. Selected states will receive both group and individual technical assistance from NASHP staff, as well as state, federal, and national leaders over the course of twelve months. **Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 1st**. Please contact Rachel Yalowich at [ryalowich@nashp.org](mailto:ryalowich@nashp.org) with any questions.

### Resources :

- The RFA is available [here](#).
- The application questions are available [here](#).
- Informational webinar slides are available [here](#).
- FAQs are available [here](#).

## [Open Position: Policy Director - Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Policy Team](#)

NASHP is seeking an individual to join the Chronic and Vulnerable Populations policy team as a Project Director. The Project Director will lead day-to-day operations for at least one major initiative for NASHP, and will join additional project teams as a team member. The primary focus

of this work will be on state and federal health policy issues related to major state healthcare delivery system reforms. This includes managing a large federally funded initiative providing technical assistance to states to accelerate new payment and delivery system reforms, including the integration of physical and behavioral health care systems. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#) .

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