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**Newsletter**

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### **New Issue Brief**

#### **State Enrollment Experience: Implementing Health Coverage Eligibility and Enrollment Systems Under the ACA**

Drawing on key informant interviews and ongoing engagement with states between 2013 and 2015, [this brief](#) examines states' early experiences implementing ACA's eligibility and enrollment requirements; highlights promising practices and lessons learned; provides some context on the state experience; and concludes with possible areas of focus for future enrollment and implementation efforts.

### **Retail Enrollment Centers Chart**

As part of an outreach effort during the ACA open enrollment periods several state-based marketplaces created retail enrollment centers as a way to engage and enroll eligible individuals.

A new [State Refor\(u\)m chart](#) looks at state efforts to build these pop-up-shops and their results. NASHP gathered information to create this chart through key informant interviews, email queries to state officials, and research supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Enrollment project, a one year project in which NASHP interviewed state leaders and stakeholders in 10 states with early success in enrollment and supported engagement of FFM state officials in Medicaid, CHIP, and Insurance/Exchange agencies.

### **Happy 50th Anniversary Medicaid!**

Last month, as part of an Academy Health Annual Research Meeting panel on the 50th anniversary of Medicaid NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley gave remarks on the history of the program, as well as addressed where it is heading and the long-term relationship between Medicaid and the states.

Read the full speech [here](#).

### **Managed Care Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

NASHP has developed a [series of documents](#) to help states identify key areas for comment on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently released [notice of proposed rule making](#) that, once adopted as final regulation, represents the first major update to the rules governing Medicaid managed care since 2002. These documents also highlight the proposed changes that are likely to have the biggest impact on the administration of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program in the coming years. **Comments are due by 5pm on July 27, 2015.**

### **New Webinar Announced! 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.

### **CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) Accepting Expression of Interest Forms**

Currently, there are two program support opportunities open for Medicaid agencies. CMS Contact: Karen LLanos [karen.llanos@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:karen.llanos@cms.hhs.gov).

1) Improving Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Complex Needs & High Costs. Designed to support states' ongoing efforts to improve care for Medicaid beneficiaries with complex needs and high costs. Visit the [Improving Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Complex Needs and High Costs](#) web page for additional information, as well as the webinar slides on the components of the program support available to states. Expression of interest forms are due August 3, 2015.

2) Medicare-Medicaid Data Integration (MMDI) Program Support. Through IAP, CMS will offer up to six states per year access to data integration services to support integrated care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. This one-on-one technical support is designed to help states address the overarching challenge of successfully integrating Medicare and Medicaid data. Access the [MMDI expression of interest form](#) , which is due July 24, 2015 .

## Rising Star Award

Starting this year, NASHP will recognize new state health policy professionals working for state governments with our [Rising Star](#) award. The award strives to promote the accomplishments of those working in the field with seven years experience or less who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to promoting good state health policy.

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.

Nominations for the award will be accepted [here](#) and can only be made by current state government employees. **All nominations must be completed online no later than August 11, 2015.**

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