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Newsletter

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Promising Practices in Reaching, Enrolling, and Retaining Children in Coverage During Early ACA Implementation

In our latest [brief](#) NASHP shares promising practices in reaching, enrolling, and retaining children in coverage during early ACA implementation. The implementation of the ACA has largely focused on establishing new coverage options for previously uninsured adult populations. Although that is critically important to achieving federal and state health goals, children's coverage must remain a focus to preserve and build upon gains made over years. Read the [full brief](#).

What's Next for State Health Policy After *King v. Burwell*? Leaders Discuss Key Themes and Next Steps for State Policymakers

NASHP hosted an off-the-record, [state-only summit](#) to discuss the road ahead for state health reforms after the Supreme Court's decision on *King v. Burwell*. The July 9 event, supported by The Commonwealth Fund, featured a panel of leading thinkers on state health policy and officials from 43 states and the District of Columbia participated. Participants represented Medicaid, CHIP and insurance agencies, public health departments, budget offices, state legislatures, and state-based exchanges. Read a [summary](#) of the call.

ICYMI: Last week NASHP released a new issue brief [The State-based Marketplaces: A Focus on Innovation, Flexibility, and Coverage](#), which explores and highlights early developments in states that have implemented the State-based Marketplace (SBM) model.

New *Health Affairs* Blog, Dynamic Vision: A Cornerstone of State Payment Reform Initiatives

Faced with rising healthcare costs, states are designing and implementing payment reforms that fundamentally transform how the health care market provides and pays for services. In a *Health Affairs* [blog](#) post published today, NASHP looks at how Ohio and Oregon have developed an overarching vision to guide their multi-payer payment and delivery system transformations. These states have placed an emphasis on leadership, multidisciplinary engagement, availability of federal resources, and investment in infrastructure to realize their goals. As a result, both are implementing initiatives based on the framework of the Triple Aim and are on a path to achieving its objectives. Read the [full blog post](#).

Preconference Sessions Announced

Making your plans to attend the [28th Annual State Health Policy Conference](#)? Come a day early for one of our preconference sessions.

These content-driven, data-focused daylong sessions will set the stage for the full conference.

Preconference Session A: Finding Shared Solutions Across Mental Health, Substance Use, and Medicaid to Promote Recovery

Speakers:

- Tom Betlach, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- Tracy Plouck, Director, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Dr. Brian Hepburn, Executive Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
- Dena Stoner, Senior Policy Advisor, Texas Department of State Health Services
- MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director, Washington State Health Care Authority

Preconference Session B: Improving Health, Lowering Costs: Translating Population Health into Effective State Policy

Speakers:

- Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Chief Medical Officer for Prevention, American Heart Association
- Anne Barry, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Dr. Mary McIntyre, Assistant State Health Officer for Disease Control and Prevention, Alabama Department of Health
- Chris Collins, Director, Office of Rural Health and Community Care, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
- Barry Kling, Administrator and Director of Environmental Health, Chelan-Douglas Health District, Washington State
- Patty Hayes, Director of Public Health, Seattle and King County Health Department, Washington State
- Gregory Allen, Director, Division of Program Development and Management, Office of Health Insurance Programs, New York State Department of Health

[Register for Preconference Sessions](#)

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.

Still Time to Nominate!

NASHP's [Rising Star](#) 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. **DEADLINE TO NOMINATE IS AUGUST 11, 2015.**

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