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#### State Officials Concerned about Proposed Public Charge Rule

State officials are concerned that the proposed federal public charge rule, that considers Medicaid participation in determining citizenship, could increase the uninsured rate, which would have a negative financial impact and could increase health programs' administrative burden.



#### How States Are Tackling the Health Care Cost Trajectory

The **Health Affairs** Blog recently published *Can The Health Care Cost Trajectory Be Tamed? States' Leaders Tackle the Cost Conundrum* by NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley. States must balance budgets while investing in health coverage for state, local, public school, and university employees, correctional facilities and Medicaid and they are responsible for keeping costs in check for commercial payers through insurance rate review and other strategies. Riley reflects on a summit of key state leaders and examines how states are expanding their efforts to address cost and prices in the broader market and ideas for future policy action.



#### How Alaska Addresses Its Health Care Workforce Challenges

Alaska, like many states, is experiencing a health care workforce shortage, which is particularly challenging to address in its rural and frontier areas. Tackling workforce challenges requires states to build new partnerships and take a cross-agency approach. This new NASHP case study examines how Alaska utilizes innovative tools and resources, such as federally-registered apprenticeships, utilization of non-traditional workforce, and workforce assessments and capacity building, to address its health care workforce needs.



#### Medicaid Managed Care Proposal Gives States More Flexibility

The federal government has proposed a new rule that gives states more flexibility to design and implement Medicaid managed care programs for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program enrollees. This NASHP blog provides an overview highlighting how the rule would reduce administrative burdens on states.



#### NASHP Partners with Mathematica to Strengthen Rx Transparency Laws

NASHP is partnering with Mathematica Policy Research to help states collect data on rising drug prices, and the reasons behind them, to help states take effective action to address them. Currently, five states require manufacturers to report on and justify drug significant price increases and more are considering it. The outcomes of this NASHP initiative -- Supporting Effective State Transparency Laws -- will be made available for use by all states in 2019 through funding support from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation.



#### States Consider Coverage Mandates for Infertility after Cancer Treatment

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), individual and small group plans must cover essential health benefits, but state legislatures can go beyond the ACA's requirements and a growing number have mandated coverage of autism, fertility, and other treatments. Recently, a number of states have mandated coverage of "fertility preservation" -- removal and storage of eggs and sperm -- prior to radiation and chemotherapy for cancer.



### Webinars

Hosted by NASHP

- [Webinar: Strengthening Care Delivery Systems for Children with Special Health Care Needs and the Role of Quality Measurement](#)  
2-3 p.m. (EST)  
Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018
- [Webinar: Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Programs for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#)  
3-4 p.m. (EST)  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018
- [Webinar: How States Use 1332 Waivers to Develop Reinsurance Programs to Stabilize Markets](#)  
4 to 5 p.m. (EST)  
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018
- [Webinar: Medicaid Alternative Payment Models for Prescription Drugs: Do They Add Value for States?](#)  
2-3 pm (EST)  
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018

### Jobs

#### NASHP Research Analyst – Chronic and Vulnerable Populations

NASHP seeks an entry-level research analyst for its Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Team. [Click for the full job description.](#)

#### NASHP Creates Confidential State Employee Job Bank

Incoming governors and state leaders have contacted NASHP for help identifying and recruiting candidates for key state policy and management positions. If you are interested in submitting your resume to NASHP's confidential job bank, please email it and your desired job title to [search@nashp.org](mailto:search@nashp.org), and put TRANSITION on the subject line. NASHP will not share your resume with a state recruiter without checking with you first.

#### SantaFe HealthCare President and Chief Executive Officer Job

Witt/Kieffer is searching for outstanding candidates to serve as SantaFe HealthCare's (SFHC) president and chief executive officer. SFHC is a highly complex, mission-driven health care services holding company whose affiliates operate in managed care/health insurance, advanced illness/end-of-life and senior living. [Apply here.](#)

### Resource of the Month



#### What's Up: Age-Based Resources for Parents

Each month, NASHP's Healthy State Child Development State Resource Center features a resource highlighting the important role that screening, referral, and care coordination play in healthy child development. This month, NASHP features the [What's Up: Age-Based Resources for Parents](#), a bilingual resource from ZERO TO THREE's HealthySteps program that explains what parents can expect at age-based check-ups plus Q&As and tips to explain development from birth to age three. Check out NASHP's [Healthy Child Development State Resource Center](#) for more resources, including a compilation of states' outreach and training materials for families and providers. If you have a resource to request be featured, please email [ehiggins@nashp.org](mailto:ehiggins@nashp.org).

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