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#NASHPCONF19 Agenda Announced and Conference Registration Opens!

The agenda and registration for NASHP's 32nd Annual State Health Policy Conference, The Deep Dish on State Health Policy, are now available! Join hundreds of state leaders from all over the country on Aug. 21-23, 2019, in Chicago and learn about the most cutting-edge issues in state health policy, including Rx pricing, social determinants of health, health care costs, surprise billing, market segmentation, substance use disorders, behavioral health, and more! There is no other conference that tackles the most pressing issues impacting the state health policy community with more actionable strategies and innovative solutions to health policy challenges than NASHP's annual conference.

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New Mexico Leverages State Purchasing Power to Lower Drug Costs

Gov. Lujan Grisham has signed a new law that creates a state Interagency Pharmacy Purchasing Council to leverage public purchasing power by coordinating cost-containment strategies through drug purchases, pharmaceutical benefit design, and pooling of risk among state agencies. The bill, which includes funding to support the council's work, also identifies opportunities to lower drug costs for residents covered by private insurance.



New NASHP Rx Transparency Model Bill Features Stronger Reporting and Enforcement

NASHP recently published revised model transparency bill that gives states more tools to analyze and compare drug prices reported by manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, wholesalers, and insurers to help them understand what is driving high drug prices across the entire supply chain. This 2.0 version also contains stronger penalties for failure to report price information and gives states subpoena power. Examine the [model legislation](#) and read a [blog](#) and [Q&A](#) to learn more.



States Face May 6 Deadline to Apply for MOM Funds to Improve Women's Opioid Treatment

State Medicaid agencies and their service delivery partners face a May 6, 2019, deadline to [apply](#) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for funds to improve care and treatment for pregnant and postpartum women with opioid use disorder and their infants. States and their collaborators will use the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) model to improve integrated care for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program enrollees. CMS will award up to \$64.5 million to 12 initiatives over a five-year development period. For more information about the MOM model, visit NASHP's [MOM Resource Hub](#).



President Signs Bill to Help States Integrate Care for Children with Medical Complexity

Last week, the President signed the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019, which contains a new option for states to establish health homes for children with medical complexity in order to improve care coordination. This recent [NASHP blog](#) summarizes how the law will impact eligibility, federal funding, and health home provider requirements.



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Non-NASHP Webinars

Webinar: 2019 Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Overview by AHRQ
 2-3 p.m. (ET)
 Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Webinar: Using Data Analytics to Better Understand Medicaid Populations with Serious Mental Illness: Additional Data Sources
 2-3:30 p.m. (ET)
 Thursday, May 16, 2019

Events

Roundtable Discussion: Braiding and Blending Funds to Promote Social Determinants of Health
 9-11:30 a.m. (ET)
 Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Jobs

NASHP Health Policy Associate – Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Team

NASHP seeks a policy associate for its Chronic and Vulnerable Populations team. [View the full job description.](#)

NASHP Health Policy Associate - Child and Family Health Team

NASHP seeks a policy associate for its Child and Family Health Team. [Click for the full job description.](#)

Resource of the Month



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Governors Take the Long View to Address Early Childhood Development

This blog, [New Governors Take the Long View in Addressing Early Childhood Development](#) highlights how governors are increasingly promoting investments in their youngest citizens -- every \$1 invested in early childhood programs generates a \$2 to \$4 return. Learn what California and Ohio governors are doing and check out other resources at the [Healthy Child Development State Resource Center](#), supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Submit new resources to ehiggins@nashp.org.