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State Officials-Only Summit on Rx Pricing Added to #NASHPCONF19 Agenda!

NASHP's annual state health policy conference, Aug. 21-23, 2019, in Chicago, now features a new session entitled, *State-Only Summit on Rx Pricing: Debrief and Next Steps*. This special summit follows two prescription drug-focused sessions that are open to the public:

- A day-long preconference, *The Latest State Actions to Tackle Rx Prices and What's Next?*, on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019; and
- A morning session, entitled *New Recipes to Control Rx Pricing*, on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019.

After the two public sessions, state lawmakers, employees, and officials can attend the state-only summit late Thursday afternoon to debrief, network, share ideas and strategies, and identify next steps to lower Rx costs. Preregistration is required for the summit, which is included in the conference's registration fee.

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Policy Levers States Can Use to Improve Primary Care Quality

States, as major purchasers of health care, have a compelling interest to spur primary care providers to adopt the latest research to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care. This new [report](#), the third in the *EvidenceNOW: Insights for State Health Policymakers Series*, highlights policy levers states can use to support providers' adoption of evidence-based care.



Marketplace Leaders Raise Concerns about Health Reimbursement Arrangement Rule

With insurance rate filings one month away, 12 state-based marketplace leaders have written to the Trump Administration expressing serious concerns that delays in proposed federal rules would significantly change states' insurance markets and marketplaces in 2020. The rules, affecting health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs), were proposed last October, but the Administration has not yet released a final version of the rules – even as 2020 rate-filings begin next month and plan enrollment begins in six months. The marketplace leaders wrote that any 11th-hour rule changes will lead to significant costs and a hasty implementation, and “detract from attention and service to marketplace enrollees and locally determined priorities for marketplace functionality.”



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Resources to Help States Fund Health-Related Social and Economic Initiatives

Federal funding enables states to improve housing, employment, and other life conditions for their vulnerable residents. This new NASHP table highlights numerous new federal funding sources – including public-private investments, integrated care models, and federal initiatives to combat the opioid crisis, as well as longstanding sources, such as tax-exempt hospitals' community benefits dollars, Medicaid investments, and federal health promotion funds – that states can tap to improve their residents' health.



New NASHP Policy Academy to Improve Access to Care for Women with SUD

NASHP is leading a two-year initiative, starting with eight state teams, to advance innovative policies that improve access to quality health care for pregnant and parenting women with or at risk of substance use disorder (SUD) and/or mental health conditions. Read a [blog](#) about the recently-launched special policy academy.



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Webinars

NASHP Webinars

[Webinar: So You Think You Want a State-based Marketplace? Here's How!](#)
2-3 p.m. (ET)
Friday, May 10

Non-NASHP Webinars

[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.