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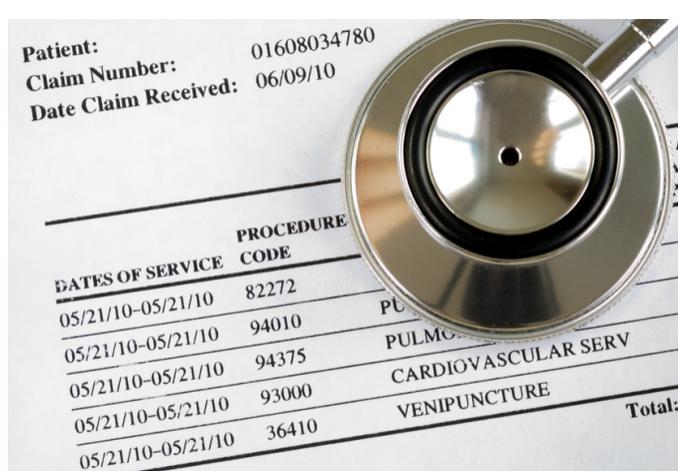
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#### Resources Highlight State and Federal Actions on Surprise Medical Bills

States are at the forefront of protecting consumers from surprise medical bills – charges for unexpected, out-of-network medical care. Half have already enacted some protections and now Congress is considering action. A new [blog and chart](#) examines what impact recent Congressional bills would have had on state consumer protections and a new [resource page](#) highlights state and federal initiatives to address balance billing.



#### NASHP Launches State Health Insurance Marketplace Resource Page

A state's health insurance marketplace plays a critical role in ensuring consumer access to coverage. This new resource page showcases NASHP reports, charts, and blogs that explore marketplace performance and how state and federal actions impact enrollment, affordability, and the range of plans offered in each state. It also provides information for states considering converting to a more flexible, state-based marketplace model.



#### Governors Take the Long View to Promote Early Childhood Development

Policymakers have historically promoted early childhood development improvements, but this year a growing number of governors are promoting investments in the future health of their states by focusing resources on their youngest citizens today. This investment to help young children become healthy and productive adults can yield rewards for a state. Studies show that every \$1 invested in early childhood programs generates a \$2 to \$4 return. Learn how California and Ohio governors are investing in healthy child development.



#### Webinar for State Officials: Balancing Value and Affordability for Rx Drugs

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, April 9, 2019

**Join NASHP today for this webinar, which will not be recorded or available for later viewing.** New York's Medicaid Drug Cap took a unique approach to rising drug costs by negotiating supplemental rebates with manufacturers if drug spending exceeded the cap. This webinar, for state officials only, explores what New York has learned as it enters its second year of implementation, and how assessments from the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) informed New York's process. There will be opportunities for state officials to ask questions and learn about ICER and how New York's experience can inform other states' actions. Register [here](#).



#### Texas Forges Ahead to Advance Palliative Care

Texas is a leading state in improving access to and quality of palliative care. In a recent [webinar](#), Texas officials highlighted efforts to advance palliative care, including its Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council, hospital and provider incentives in its Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP) program, and upcoming initiatives that focus on data analytics and value-based purchasing. Texas is a member of NASHP's State Leadership Council on Palliative Care, which is developing national recommendations for state policymakers to advance palliative care. Visit NASHP's palliative care [resource hub](#) and sign up for the [palliative care email listserv](#).



### Webinars

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### 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



#### Resources to Help States Improve Integrated Care for Children

The [Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Model](#) improves early identification and treatment of health issues that can improve children's well-being and avoid costly medical, special education, foster care, and criminal justice expenses. 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](mailto:ehiggins@nashp.org).  
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