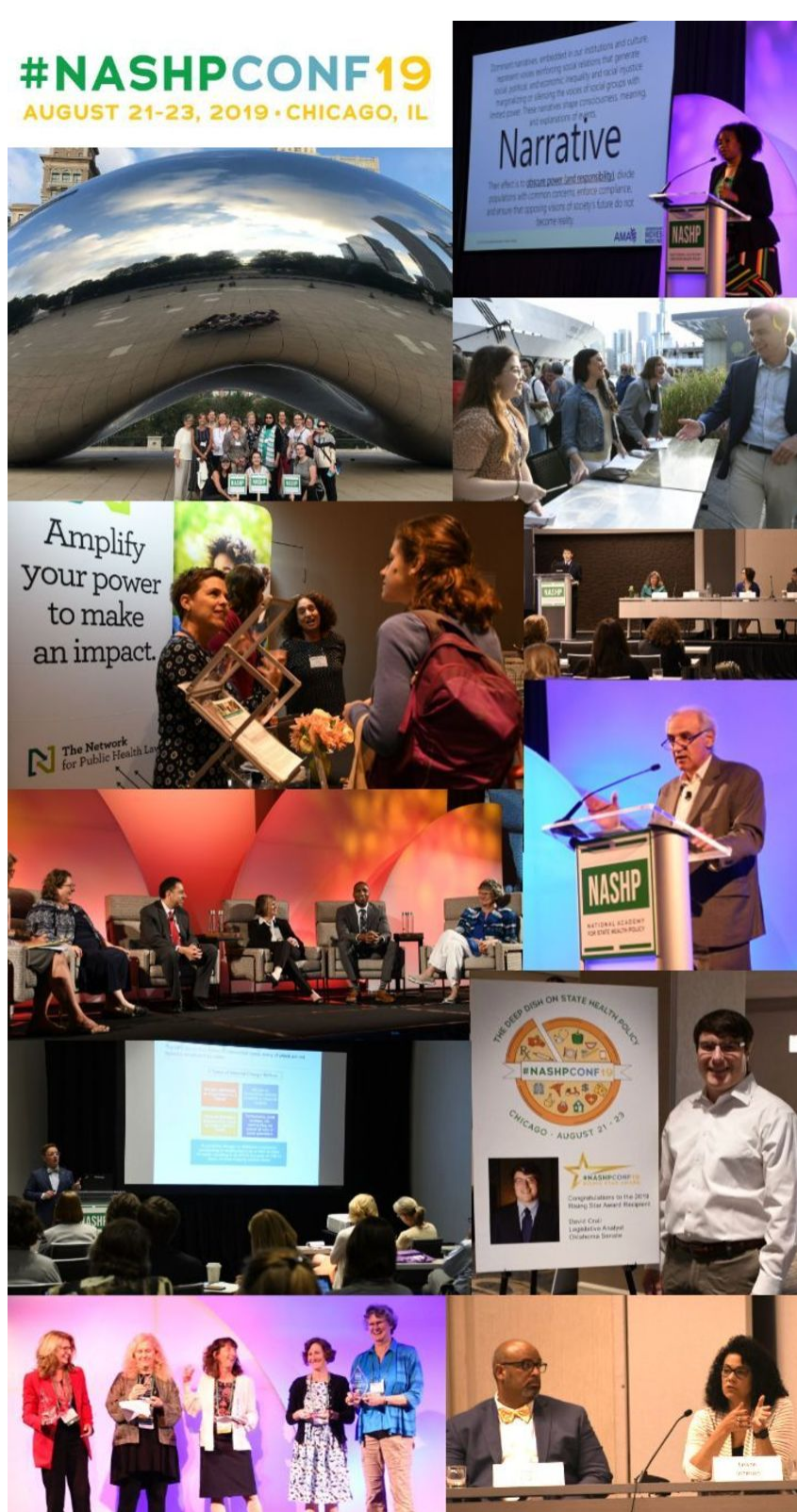




### Top Headlines

- Blockbuster #NASHPCONF19 Highlighted State Health Policy Innovations
- Washington State Team Wins #NASHPCONF19 Academy Award
- State Marketplace Enrollment Held Steady in 2019

### Featured Stories



### Blockbuster #NASHPCONF19 Highlighted State Health Policy Innovations

#NASHPCONF19, which drew more than 850 state policymakers and legislators to Chicago last week, broke records in attendance and the scope of health issues addressed, ranging from drug and health care costs containment, the opioid epidemic, surprise billing, bias in policymaking, and how to achieve health equity. Here are some highlights:

- NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley writes about the conference's highlights in this [blog](#).
- State of Washington officials received NASHP's Academy Award for their pioneering work to improve the quality, cost, and delivery of health care. [Read more.](#)
- David Crall, legislative analyst for Oklahoma's Senate Health and Human Services Committee, received NASHP's Rising Star award, which recognizes outstanding policymaking leadership with up to seven years of experience.
- Powerpoint presentations from #NASHPCONF19's sessions and workshops will be available on NASHP's website in September.
- NASHP's 2020 conference will be Aug. 17-19 in Boston.



### New Enrollment Data Shows SBMs Continue to Lead on Enrollment

New 2019 data confirms continued stable enrollment in health insurance markets, even as marketplaces faced competition from short-term plans and elimination of the federal penalty for not having insurance. In 2019, enrollment in the state-based marketplaces (SBMs) grew 1.8 percent over 2018 and decreased 2 percent in states with federally-facilitated marketplaces (FFM). Premium costs also remained stable with SBM premiums averaging 22 percent less than FFM premiums. SBMs' stability is attributable to their efforts to curb costs and promote enrollment through [reinsurance](#) and state-focused marketing campaigns. Learn more about SBMs [here](#).



### NASHP's 50-State Scan Highlights State Lead Screening and Treatment Initiatives

Elevated blood lead levels increase the risk for brain and nervous system damage and cause long-term health problems that cost millions of dollars to address. Children in 4 million households are exposed to high lead levels and states are taking action to increase screening and treatment. New York recently budgeted \$6.8 million to reduce childhood lead exposure, representing a 5 percent increase in its early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities. These NASHP maps and [50-State Scan of State Health Care Delivery Policies Promoting Lead Screening and Treatment](#) highlight state policy initiatives to address lead exposure.



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### Webinars

Webinar: Insights and Key Considerations for Implementing Value-Based Payment in Children's Oral Health, Perspectives from Participating States  
2-3:15 p.m. (ET)  
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019

Webinar: Strategies to Reduce the Reliance on Opioids for Pain Management Treatment  
2-3 p.m. (ET)  
Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019

Webinar: Value-Based Payment for Home and Community-Based Services - Strategies, Progress, and Accomplishments of Participating IAP States  
3-4:30 p.m. (ET)  
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019

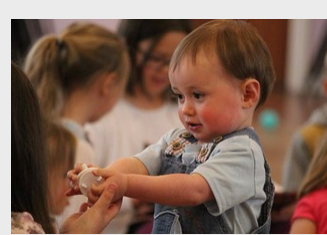
Webinar: Medicaid IAP National Learning Webinar - Key Lessons in Transitioning to Value-Based Payment to Improve Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes  
3-4:15 p.m. (ET)  
Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019

Webinar: Telehealth Services in Treating Substance Use Disorder Treatment Webinar  
3-4:30 p.m. (ET)  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019

### Jobs

[NASHP Project Director, Center for State Health Care System Costs](#)

### Resource of the Month



### Fostering Social and Emotional Health through Pediatric Primary Care

This month, NASHP features [Fostering Social and Emotional Health through Pediatric Primary Care: A Blueprint for Leveraging Medicaid and CHIP to Finance Change](#). View 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).