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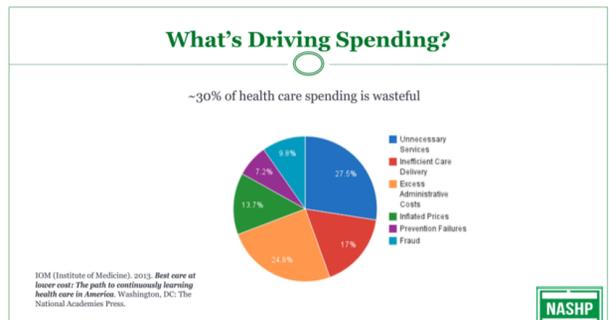
The opioid crisis, which kills 130 Americans daily, is one of the most urgent and complex crises facing state leaders today. Over the past several months, NASHP has met with policymakers from over a dozen states to talk about policy strategies to combat the opioid crisis.



Hawaii Fights the Flu with Pop-up Clinics and State Agency Collaboration

States are using creative methods to increase flu immunization rates after nearly 200 children died from influenza last year, 80 percent of whom were not vaccinated. In the past decade, Hawaii has improved its childhood vaccination rates and reduced flu activity by relying on close collaboration between its state education and health departments to operate “pop-up,” school-based vaccination clinics to protect children’s health. Read this blog to learn how they did it.

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The Case for State Action on Health Prices in 12 Slides

In the last few months, NASHP has convened state leaders in two summits that addressed rising health care costs. With assistance from Larry Levitt of the Kaiser Family Foundation and Erin Fuse Brown of Georgia State University College of Law, NASHP compiled a [slide presentation](#) documenting the factors behind the health care cost trajectory to help states make the case for action. In the months ahead, NASHP will present strategies states are pursuing to address the cost conundrum.



Save the Date: Leveraging State Purchasing Power to Lower Health Care Spending

Save the date – 2-3:30 p.m. (EST) Thursday, March 7, 2019 – for a webinar that explores how Montana and North Carolina have used reference-based pricing to tackle their rising health care prices. During the webinar, state health policy officials who are working to standardize prices paid to hospitals to maintain access and keep spending in check, will discuss their initiatives and answer questions. Registration begins next week.



Mass. Report Highlights Ways to Improve Health Care Price Transparency

A guest blog from the Massachusetts Attorney General highlights findings from a new report that found complicated payment rates continue to impede health care pricing transparency and make it difficult for consumers, employers, and others to identify cost-effective and high-quality health care. *Shutterstock*



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Webinars

NASHP Webinars

- [Webinar: Medicaid IAP Information Session - New Technical Support Opportunities for States, Reducing Substance Use Disorders](#)
3-4 p.m. (EST)
Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019
- [Save the Date: Reference-Based Pricing, Leveraging State Purchasing Power to Lower Health Care Spending](#)
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NonNASHP Webinars

- [Webinar: Medication Assisted Treatment - Identifying the Need for Youth and Young Adult-Specific Strategies and Current Initiatives](#)
3-5 p.m. (EST)
Monday, March 4, 2019

Announcements

[States Invited to Apply for Assistance to Make Medicaid Policy Changes to Improve Care for Pregnant and Parenting Women](#)

NASHP, supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, is convening a policy academy to help states advance policy innovations to improve access to quality care for Medicaid-eligible pregnant and parenting women with or at-risk of substance use disorder and/or mental health conditions. [Click for details.](#)

Jobs

NASHP Research Analyst – Chronic and Vulnerable Populations

NASHP seeks an entry-level research analyst 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



Developmental Screening Measures Map

NASHP features its updated [developmental screening measures map](#) that tracks voluntary state reporting of the developmental screening measure for children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the CHIPRA Core Set of Children’s Health Care Quality Measures. Check out other resources at the [Healthy Child Development State Resource Center](#), supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. If you have a resource to request be featured, please email ehiggins@nashp.org.