

## Top Headlines

- Vermont Takes Next Step to Import Rx Drugs from Canada
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## Featured Stories



### Vermont Takes Next Step to Import Rx Drugs from Canada

The Vermont Agency for Human Services has presented its [report](#) detailing next steps for wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada, which was approved by Vermont's legislature last year. NASHP, with assistance from consultants and funding from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, assisted with the report that conservatively predicted significant savings could result from importation. Based on calculations from two of the state's three major insurance carriers and factoring in costs from just 17 drugs, savings of \$1 to 5 million annually are expected.



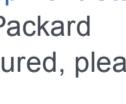
### New Map Highlights State Medicaid Long-Term Services Programs for Children

As health care delivery systems rapidly transform, states are redesigning their long-term services and supports (LTSS) and integrating them into Medicaid managed care programs for children. This map features states that provide LTSS to children through Medicaid managed care programs and details key elements of their LTSS structures and systems.



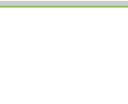
### Oklahoma Medicaid Advances Alternative Payment Models to Control Rx Prices

Oklahoma's state Medicaid agency is the first in the country to use innovative alternative payment models through contracts negotiated with drug manufacturers that link supplemental rebates to outcomes, such as medication adherence and reduced hospitalizations. To learn more about this innovative payment model for prescription drugs, read a [blog](#), listen to a [webinar](#), or read a [Q&A](#) about its implementation.

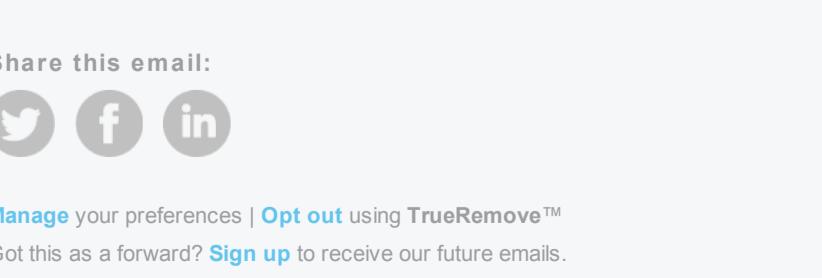


### Toolkit Helps New Governors Improve Health with Cost-Effective, Upstream Strategies

Eighty percent of what affects health – such as housing, education, and income – is beyond the reach of clinical care, yet drives health care costs higher. Governors increasingly recognize that social determinants of health impact public health, their economies, and their budgets. NASHP and the deBeaumont Foundation have created a toolkit that offers practical, real-world tools, and evidence-based practices to help governors and their teams break down siloes and maximize resources to improve health.



### Resource of the Month



[Developmental Screening Measures Map](#)

Each month, NASHP's Healthy Child Development State Resource Center features a resource highlighting the important role that screening, referral, and care coordination play in healthy child development.

In January, 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](mailto:ehiggins@nashp.org).

## Webinars

- Advancing Palliative Care for Adults with Serious Illness - A National Review of State Palliative Care Policies and Programs  
1-2 p.m. (EST)  
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
- Webinar: IAP Data Analytics for States - So You Built a Dashboard, State Medicaid Agency Experiences  
3-4 p.m. (EST)  
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019

## Announcements

[States: Apply for Health Data Innovation Award by Jan. 14, 2019](#) The Milbank Memorial Fund and AcademyHealth invites states that have used data analytics roadmaps to improve the health of their populations and the performance of health systems to apply for three innovation awards.

[Journal of Legal Medicine's Inaugural Symposium, Solving America's Drug Pricing Problem](#), featuring NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24 and 25, 2019, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta

[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 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](#).

[NASHP Creates Confidential State Employee Job Bank](#)

Incoming governors and state leaders have contacted NASHP for help identifying and recruiting candidates for key sub-cabinet and policy management positions. If you are interested in submitting your resume to NASHP's confidential job bank, please email it and your desired job title to [search@nashp.org](mailto:search@nashp.org), and put TRANSITION on the subject line. NASHP will not share your resume with a state recruiter without checking with you first.

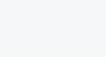
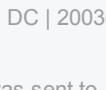
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