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Palliative Care: A Primer for State Policymakers

State policymakers are increasingly paying attention to palliative care programs, which offer patient-centered and cost-effective care for individuals with serious illness. Adding palliative care to treatment improves health outcomes and quality of life, while lowering costs an average of \$7,000 per patient in high-needs populations. This new NASHP report, supported by The John A. Hartford Foundation, identifies policy levers states can use to implement and expand palliative care. Policymakers are also invited to a day-long summit, Aug. 20, 2019 in Chicago, to learn how to expand palliative care services in their states. The application deadline is May 23, 2019, learn more and apply [here](#).



Explore the New Rx Drug Cost Control Laws States Have Passed in 2019

As the 2019 legislative session winds down, there are a growing number of new laws designed to curb the rising cost of prescription drugs. NASHP's Center for State Rx Drug Pricing provides a list of laws approved during recent state legislative sessions, along with descriptions and links to the new laws. NASHP will update this resource page regularly as states continue to pass laws to address in Rx drug prices.

During the 2019 legislative season, 44 states have filed 244 bills to control Rx drug costs.

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| Bills enacted into law* | 18 |
| Pharmacy Benefit Manager | 104 |
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| Drug Price Transparency | 49 |
| Volume Purchasing | 8 |
| Drug Affordability Review (Rate Setting) | 15 |
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*As of 5/9/2019



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Vermont's Innovative ACO Model Rewards Providers for Early Childhood Screenings

Vermont's Medicaid Next Generation Model Accountable Care Model (ACO) program is designed to increase development screening of young children during their well-child visits in order to identify and treat development delays, improve care, and contain costs. The model provides incentives to providers who meet quality performance targets for selected screening measures for child health covered by Medicaid. With more states reporting developmental screening measures and new federal initiatives promoting value-based payment for children's health, Vermont's innovative ACO approach provides valuable insights.



#NASHPCONF19 Focuses on Social and Economic Factors Affecting Health

Several #NASHPCONF19 sessions will showcase practical strategies for working across state agencies and sectors to address the social and economic factors affecting health, such as safe housing and reliable transportation. The sessions will highlight successful cross-agency and state-local and public-private partnerships that meet the health needs of residents, ranging from students to seniors:

- **Successful Partnerships to Address Social Determinants of Health:** 10-11:30 a.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019
- **Some Like it Hot: Climate Change and Health:** 10-11:30 a.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019
- **Improving Health through Housing:** 3:30-5 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019
- **Key Ingredients: Partnering with Schools for Student Success:** 3:30-5 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019
- **Two-Way Street: Disruptive Innovation in Transportation:** 1:30-3 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019

Learn more about these sessions and view the full conference agenda [here](#).



#NASHPCONF19 Rising Star Award Nominations Are Open!

Do you know an outstanding state health policymaker who has up to seven years of experience and has demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to promoting quality health policy? Help NASHP recognize rising leaders and nominate them for NASHP's 2019 Rising Star Award. The award is presented at NASHP's 32nd Annual State Health Policy Conference, Aug. 21-23, 2019, in Chicago.

The winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to #NASHPCONF19. Nominations can be submitted [here](#) and must be made by a current state government employee. Nominations are due by Friday, June 7, 2019.



NASHP Invites State Policymakers to Day-Long Summit on Palliative Care

10 a.m.-4 p.m. (CT) Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019, Chicago

NASHP and The John A. Hartford Foundation invite state policymakers to attend an informative, day-long summit designed to improve access to and quality of palliative care services in their states, followed by ongoing support and expertise. Officials from up to 10 states will be selected to participate in the summit, designed to improve palliative care policies and programs, and enjoy access to national palliative care experts after the summit. Funding to cover travel and lodging is available. Applications are due May 23, 2019 at 5 p.m. (ET). [Learn more and apply.](#)



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Transforming Pediatrics to Support Population Health

This month NASHP features *Transforming Pediatrics to Support Population Health: Recommendations for Practice Changes and How to Pay for Them*, a new report that recommends redesigning primary care to play a broader role in the health and well-being of families and children through payment reforms. 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.

Webinars

NASHP Webinars

Webinar: How States Pay for Hep C Drugs Using a "Netflix-style" Subscription Model - A Look at Emerging Payment Models and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
 3-4 p.m. (ET)
 Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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

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.](#)

Resource of the Month