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OR and CT Require Hospitals to Invest in their Communities' Health

Tax exemptions for nonprofit hospitals cost states billions of dollars in lost tax revenue. In return, hospitals are expected to invest in programs and services that benefit their communities. Oregon and Connecticut require their hospitals to make meaningful investments to improve their region's health and well-being and align with state health priorities. Learn what these states are mandating.



Q&A: How Medicaid Expansion Increases Naloxone Use and Reduces Overdose Deaths

A study, reported in the journal *Addiction*, found that states that expanded Medicaid were able to put more naloxone (Narcan) into the hands of people best positioned to prevent overdose deaths – including friends and family of individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) – than non-expansion states. In this Q&A with NASHP, Harvard Medical School researcher Richard Frank explains how expanding naloxone access is a critical first step to achieve effective OUD treatment.



Opioid Abuse Treatment Rates Higher in Medicaid Expansion States

Between 2011 and 2018, the rate of medication-assisted treatment (buprenorphine) prescriptions written for opioid use disorder among Medicaid patients was far higher in Medicaid expansion states (increasing 36 to 124 per 1,000) than in non-expansion states (which increased 16 to 41), according to a new [Urban Institute study](#). Vermont, with the nation's highest prescribing rate, has eliminated all treatment wait lists and currently prescribes a higher buprenorphine maintenance dose (16 mg) than many states. The study's authors report the low prescribing rates in non-expansion states suggest, "states may need to take up policy solutions addressing barriers to treatment and retention, including expanding [Medicaid] coverage, increasing treatment capacity, and improving treatment effectiveness."



MT Uses Patient-Centered Medical Homes to Address Children's Health Needs

Montana recently expanded its patient-centered medical home (PCMH) program to better meet the needs of children enrolled in its Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program. Montana is expanding its PCMH pool of providers, applying measures to track the quality of care, and using team-based, coordinated care to link enrollees and families to support services designed to improve care and control costs.



Webinars

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

Webinar: Tools and Resources for Successful State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships
3-4:30 p.m. (ET)
Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019

Jobs

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Resource of the Month



States Take Action to Improve and Expand Early Childhood Education

NASHP features *States Take Action to Improve and Expand Early Childhood Education* highlighting how states are implementing innovative early childhood policies and programs through budget appropriations, executive orders, and legislative initiatives. 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.

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