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Medicaid Strategies to Improve Treatment of Pregnant Women with SUD

States face rapidly rising rates of substance use disorder (SUD) and overdoses in pregnant women, and increases in maternal deaths and poor birth outcomes. This [NASHP brief](#) highlights strategies Medicaid agencies are using to promote early identification of SUD and increase access to treatment. Learn how states are using financial incentives, quality measures, waivers, and public-private partnerships to improve maternal and birth outcomes and curb SUD health care costs.



States Flex their Drug Purchasing Power to Capture Savings for Medicaid

State Medicaid programs are leveraging their drug purchasing power through more active oversight of their prescription drug benefits. Ohio, Washington, and West Virginia recently deployed a number of strategies, including a transparent, pass-through payment model with pharmacy benefit managers, using a single preferred drug list across managed care plans, and carving the drug benefits out of managed care. This [blog](#) explores these states' innovative Medicaid drug purchasing strategies.



NASHP Announces New Staff for its Center for State Health Care System Costs

NASHP has selected two outstanding experts to help lead its Center for State Health Care System Costs, designed to help states lower their health care spending. Deborah Fournier, New Hampshire's former Medicaid director, will serve as the center's project director and Marilyn Bartlett, former administrator of Montana's state employee health plan, will join the team as a senior policy fellow. The center, supported by Arnold Ventures, will be part of NASHP's State Health Care Costs Hub, which also includes NASHP's Prescription Drug Pricing Center.



How States Improve SUD Continuity of Care for Inmates following Incarceration

More corrections facilities are providing substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to individuals, but coordinating continued treatment after their release from prison remains a challenge for states. This lack of care coordination continuity following release results in elevated overdose deaths and high medical costs. This [blog](#) explores ways states are improving continuity of care after incarceration through reinstatement of Medicaid coverage, care coordination, and cross-agency collaboration.



Medicaid Incentives and Workforce Innovations Promote Pediatric Oral Health Care

As states grapple with oral health care access challenges, California, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut are incentivizing their Medicaid plans and providers to deliver children's oral health services in innovative ways, with a special focus on community-based solutions. Read this [report](#) to learn more about their initiatives, which include care coordination and the use of telehealth.



Webinars

Webinar: [Data Analytics to Better Understand Medicaid Populations with Serious Mental Illness](#)
2-3 p.m. (ET)
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019

Webinar: [Value-Based Payment for Fee-for-Service Home and Community-Based Services](#)
3:30-4:30 p.m. (ET)
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

NASHP RFP

[Request for Proposals to Conduct Listening Sessions for the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council](#)

Jobs

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Resource of the Month



NY Focuses on First 1,000 Days of Childhood Development

This month, NASHP features [New York's Final Report of the First 1,000 Days Preventive Pediatric Care Clinical Advisory Group](#). Learn how the Empire State is addressing preventive primary care for children and improving population health. 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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