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50-State Scan: How Medicaid Agencies Leverage their Non-Licensed SUD Workforce

NASHP conducted a 50-state scan to learn how Medicaid agencies are deploying non-licensed, substance use disorder (SUD) staff – including peers, counselors, and other qualified staff – to address their professional staff shortages by supplementing licensed provider capacity with this growing workforce. This comprehensive [report](#) details how states certify, pay for, and supervise this non-licensed workforce and it provides resources to help states develop new approaches to increase their SUD treatment capacity.



MA and NY Tackle Disparities with Behavioral Health Workforce Innovations

Racial and ethnic inequities in health care affect individuals' outcomes and increase costs – this is especially pronounced for those with behavioral health conditions. In this [report](#), NASHP examines how Massachusetts and New York are incorporating community health workers and credentialed family peer advocates respectively into their redesigned payment and delivery systems and using regulatory levers, such as training and certification requirements, in ways that can address these disparities.



States Increase Access to Oral Health Services and Support Overall Health

Across the nation, states are developing innovative approaches to increase access to oral health services. These policies underscore the critical relationship between overall health and oral health. This [blog](#) and two new fact sheets explore how states, including [Minnesota](#) and [Arizona](#), are expanding their oral health workforce to increase access to care and promote health equity and patient safety.



Dissemination Center Highlights State Policies to Support Family Caregivers

November is National Family Caregivers Month, a recognition that caregivers are crucial partners with states in providing long-term services. NASHP recently launched the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) [Family Caregiver Resource and Dissemination Center](#) to assist the RAISE Family Caregiving Advisory Council and highlight innovative state programs that provide support to these caregivers. Learn more about state programs and a Request for Information by the US Administration for Community Living, which is helping to create a national family caregiver report and strategy.



Health Affairs: NASHP Helps States Advance Palliative Care with Hartford Foundation

NASHP, with support from The John A. Hartford Foundation, is supporting state policymakers working to improve palliative care access and services to provide whole-person care for people with serious illness. Palliative care is gaining traction across the country given the high cost of care incurred by people with serious illness who are enrolled in state Medicaid programs. In this [Health Affairs Blog](#), NASHP outlines how it is using Hartford's support to showcase what states have done to advance palliative care. Explore more policy tools and resources at NASHP's [Palliative Care Resource Hub](#).



NASHP RFP

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

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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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