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**National Health Policy Experts Lead Sessions on Health Information Technology,
Payment Reform, Outreach and Enrollment, and Long Term Services at NASHP
Conference**

—Early-Bird Conference Registration Ends September 18

Washington, DC – National health policy experts will convene at the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) 22nd Annual State Health Policy Conference to discuss issues on the current health reform agenda.

The conference, which will be held on October 5-7 in Long Beach, California, will include a set of preconference sessions that will include some of the nation's foremost health policy leaders and experts including Kelly Cronin, Director, Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Sarah Iselin, Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services; and Melissa Hulbert, Director, Division of Advocacy and Special Issues, Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The complete agenda for each preconference session is available at www.nashpconference.org.

The preconference sessions include:

- **Using Payment Reform to Improve Health System Performance** will cover topics such as analyzing the evidence base for payment reform, facilitating multi-payer strategies, using metrics to tie payment to performance, and engaging consumers and purchasers in the payment discussion.
- **Leveraging National Health Information Technology Initiatives to Transform Health Care Delivery** will focus on new federal health information technology initiatives and how they impact the delivery of health care in the states.
- **Finding and Keeping Eligible Populations: Transformative Tools for Tough Times** will look at how states have worked to ensure that people who qualify for Medicaid and CHIP enroll into those programs and explore successful state strategies to enroll and retain vulnerable populations.
- **Charting A Course for Long Term Services and Supports** will show how states have made significant strides in redesigning their long term care systems to enable individuals to get the services and supports they need to live where they prefer to live—in their own homes and communities.

Conference registration is available online at www.nashpconference.org Early-bird rates apply now through September 18

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