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Toolkit Helps New Governors Improve Health with Cost-Effective, Upstream Strategies

Governors can control costs and advance their priorities by addressing the social and economic conditions that impact health. This new [toolkit](#), from NASHP and the de Beaumont Foundation, shares practical, real-world tools and evidence-based practices to help governors and their teams break down siloes and maximize resources across policy priorities. VA Gov. Ralph Northam, a physician, endorsed the new toolkit, writing, "In addition to disease prevention, we can help slow the growth in the cost of health care spending by making strategic investments in housing, nutrition, education, jobs, and transportation, factors that contribute to good health and quality of life." This new [toolkit](#) shows governors how.



New Resources Highlight How States Can Improve Palliative Care Access and Quality

States -- as regulators, payers, and innovators of health care -- can improve the lives of people with serious illness by promoting access to cost-effective palliative care in homes, communities, and hospitals. A new [NASHP 50-state scan](#) examines what states are doing to implement and enhance palliative care access and quality using a variety of policy levers. To learn more, read the [report](#) and [join a webinar](#). NASHP's two-year palliative care initiative, designed to develop critical state palliative care resources, is supported by The John A. Hartford Foundation. *Shutterstock.com*



For New Governors: Snapshot of Major Federal Opioid Funding by State

This new NASHP chart highlights key targeted federal funding from multiple agencies that has flowed to each state to combat the opioid crisis. It shows the total amounts received from all key federal sources combined as well as a breakdown of individual agency initiative funding to each state. This federal funding supports states' efforts to address mental health workforce shortages, promote evidence-based research, make justice system innovations, and more.



Oklahoma Medicaid Advances Groundbreaking Alternative Payment Models to Control Drug Prices

Oklahoma's state Medicaid agency is the first in the country to use innovative alternative payment models (APMs) through contracts negotiated with drug manufacturers that link supplemental rebates to patient outcomes, such as medication adherence and reduced hospitalizations. Read this [blog](#), or listen to a recording of a [webinar](#), to learn more about Oklahoma's APMs for prescription drugs.



The National Academy for State Health Policy team wishes everyone a happy holiday season and peaceful new year.

Webinars

- [Advancing Palliative Care for Adults with Serious Illness - A National Review of State Palliative Care Policies and Programs](#)
1-2 p.m. (EST)
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
- [Webinar: IAP Data Analytics for States - So You Built a Dashboard, State Medicaid Agency Experiences](#)
3-4 p.m. (EST)
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019

Announcements

[Journal of Legal Medicine's Inaugural Symposium, Solving America's Drug Pricing Problem](#), featuring NASHP Executive Director Trish Riley, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24 and 25, 2019, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta

[States Invited to Apply for Assistance to Make Medicaid Policy Changes to Improve Care for Pregnant and Parenting Women](#)

NASHP, supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, is convening a policy academy to help states advance policy innovations to improve access to quality care for Medicaid-eligible pregnant and parenting women with or at-risk of substance use disorder and/or mental health conditions. [Click for details.](#)

Jobs

NASHP Research Analyst – Chronic and Vulnerable Populations

NASHP seeks an entry-level research analyst for its Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Team. [Click for the full job description.](#)

NASHP Creates Confidential State Employee Job Bank

Incoming governors and state leaders have contacted NASHP for help identifying and recruiting candidates for key state policy and management positions. If you are interested in submitting your resume to NASHP's confidential job bank, please email it and your desired job title to search@nashp.org, and put TRANSITION on the subject line. NASHP will not share your resume with a state recruiter without checking with you first.

Resource of the Month



Virginia's BabyCare Program

Each month, NASHP's Healthy Child Development State Resource Center features a resource highlighting the important role that screening, referral, and care coordination play in healthy child development.

This month, NASHP features [Virginia's BabyCare Program: Working to Improve Birth Outcomes through Medicaid](#). If you have a resource to request be featured, please email ehiggins@nashp.org.

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