States Take Administrative Actions to Curb Medicaid Drug Costs

In addition to polling members of your state for their ideas on what policies would help ensure that Medicaid beneficiaries access affordable, necessary prescription drugs, NASHP is also reviewing administrative actions to curb spending in Medicaid and public employee health plans. Ohio, New York, and Vermont offer examples of states that are taking innovative administrative approaches to rein in drug costs. 

children affected by opioid use disorder.

hosted a webinar featuring two New Hampshire officials who detailed listen to NASHP's webinar on strategies to save lives and reduce health care costs.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, known as PrEP, is a comprehensive HIV intervention that combines an antiretroviral drug, testing, and counseling to reduce new HIV infections. NASHP brought together officials from Maryland, Michigan, and Connecticut in a PrEP Policy Learning Series to learn and report on how states are effectively deploying and improving their PrEP initiatives to reduce new HIV infections. NASHP brought to the table experts in state health policymaking, public health, and pharmacy benefit management to discuss best practices and challenges states face in delivering PrEP to their residents.

Key Health Policy Issues at Play in 2018 Governors' Races

With presidential and congressional races drawing to a close, governors in 29 states are keen on the state and health policy issues, including Medicaid expansion and improving public systems. And prescription drug price controls, once at play in most of these states, are only growing more prevalent on the policy agenda. All eyes will be on the 2018 midterm elections to see how these ideas shape up in state legislatures.

Federal Government Follows States’ Lead and Bars Pharmacy Cost Clauses

Following the lead of 39 states, last week President Trump signed into law two enrollment restrictions for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. The new federal rules follow similar ones that states have already passed but will still give patients greater transparency by prohibiting pharmacy benefit managers’ gag clauses, which prevent pharmacists from disclosing lower-cost alternatives. Congress offers relief, however. More states are looking to curb drug costs at NASHP's Center for State Rx Drug Pricing, where states are taking innovative administrative actions to curb Medicaid and public employee plan drug costs.

Medicaid Maternal Depression Screening Maps and go-state Chart

This month, NASHP features the National Maternal Depression Screening Maps and go-state Chart. The featured states, supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, offer examples of how states are taking innovative administrative approaches to rein in drug costs. 

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