Cross-Agency Strategies to Curb Health Care Costs: Leveraging State Purchasing Power

States have always managed purchasing power, but their ability to negotiate prices has been limited by fragmented state and local purchasing. They’ve been constrained by the lack of a clear strategy to navigate different payers to negotiate better prices. This new NASHP report, Cross-Agency Strategies to Curb Health Care Costs: Leveraging State Purchasing Power, takes a look at the best practices of the seasoned collaborators purchasing and cost-cutting initiatives.

Including the Community in Hospitals’ Community Health Needs Assessments

In exchange for their federal tax-exempt status, nonprofit hospitals must conduct community health needs assessments every three years and develop a plan to meet those local needs. Many states also have requirements that go beyond the federal government’s. This infographic shows how 10 states have designed their community needs assessments requirements to keep the “community” in their hospitals’ community health needs assessments, and how they enforce their requirements.

New Funding Could Help States Integrate Care for Children with Medical Complexity

Earlier this month, the Senate passed the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019, which contains a new option for states to establish health homes for children with medical complexity. The legislation is based in part on NASHP’s Affordability Board Model Legislation and includes palliative care research hub that would allow hospice programs to provide palliative care services to Oregonians in their homes, and is now heading to the House for further consideration. The legislation is based in part on NASHP’s Affordability Board Model Legislation and includes palliative care research hub that would allow hospice programs to provide palliative care services to Oregonians in their homes, and is now heading to the House for further consideration.

Maryland Passes Nation’s First Rx Drug Affordability Review Board Legislation

Last week, the Maryland General Assembly passed the nation’s first legislation that creates a Drug Affordability Review Board that reviews and determines the price of the highest-cost drugs in Maryland. The legislation is based in part on NASHP’s Affordability Board Model Legislation and includes palliative care research hub that would allow hospice programs to provide palliative care services to Oregonians in their homes, and is now heading to the House for further consideration.

Palliative Care for Children with Medical Complexity

New funds could help states establish palliative care for children with medical complexity. A 2017 NASHP report, Leveraging State Purchasing Power to Curb Health Care Costs, notes how states have been able to negotiate better prices for high-cost drugs. This new legislation would allow hospice programs to provide palliative care services to Oregonians in their homes, and is now heading to the House for further consideration.