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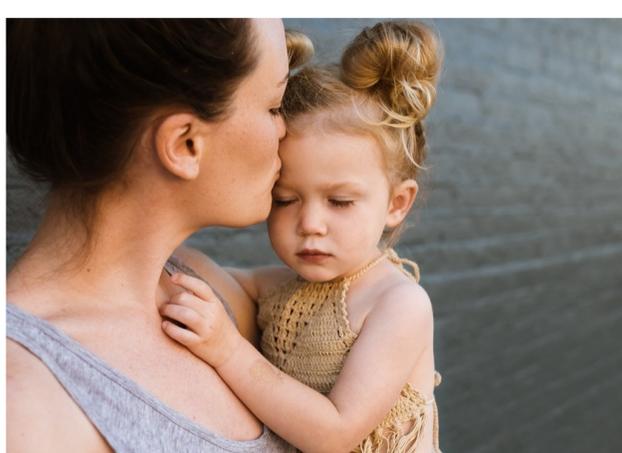
States Respond to Increased Antipsychotic Use in Children

State policymakers must often take action during a crisis even when evidence identifying the best policy approach may not be available. This new NASHP report, *Evidence-Based Policymaking Is an Iterative Process: A Case Study of Antipsychotic Use among Children in the Foster Care System*, explores successful state responses to dramatic increases in antipsychotic prescription rates in Medicaid-enrolled children in foster care. It highlights payment reforms, delivery system innovations, and quality supports for clinical care.



Federal Insurance Proposed Rule Includes Rx Drug Price Policy Options

Recently released annual federal proposed rules that regulate state health insurance markets offer a few prescription drug policy options, including encouraging generics, limiting coupons, and exploring reference pricing as ways to lower health plan premium costs. This blog encourages state officials to look carefully at the proposed rule to consider how these drug options could be implemented to minimize potential cost shifting to consumers.



CMS Releases State Funds to Improve Integrated Care for Women and Children

Last week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released funding for two highly anticipated initiatives -- the Maternal Opioid Misuse (MOM) and the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) models -- which will provide multi-year funding to states to improve integrated care for children and pregnant and parenting women enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). NASHP has been tracking these important initiatives since they were announced last year and has compiled exemplary integrated care delivery models, strategies, and innovations for [pregnant and postpartum women](#) and [children](#) that states can utilize as they develop applications for these two important initiatives.



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As Feds Focus on HIV, States Offer Successful Prevention and Treatment Strategies

Last week, federal officials announced plans to stop HIV transition in 48 counties, where half of new infections occur. However, states are already at work employing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) -- an intervention that combines an antiretroviral drug, testing, and counseling -- to reduce new HIV infections. Learn how states are effectively deploying [PrEP initiatives](#) to save lives and reduce health care costs and explore NASHP's [three-part series](#) featuring strategies to provide comprehensive and accessible care through state Medicaid and Ryan White HIV/AIDS program collaboration.



Leveraging State Purchasing Power to Lower Health Care Spending

2-3:30 p.m. (EST) Thursday, March 7, 2019

This webinar explores how Montana is using reference-based pricing and North Carolina is implementing it to tackle rising health care costs for state employee insurance. During the webinar, state health policy officials who are working to standardize prices paid to hospitals to maintain access and keep spending in check, will discuss their initiatives and answer questions. [Register here.](#)



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Non-NASHP Webinars

- [Webinar: Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Model - Notice of Funding Opportunity Application](#)
2:30 to 4 p.m. (EST)
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019
- [Webinar: Maternal Opioid Misuse \(MOM\) Model - Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Review](#)
2-3:15 p.m. (EST)
Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019

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Resource of the Month



Medicaid Incentives and Measures for Developmental Screening

In February, NASHP features its updated [Medicaid Incentives and Measures for Developmental Screening](#) map. State Medicaid agencies promote early identification of developmental concerns or delays in young children in a variety of ways, including providing financial incentives and establishing performance measures. This map showcases how states have increasingly established measures or incentives for managed care organizations or providers to increase developmental screening. Check out 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.