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- [In 2019, Legislatures Took Targeted Steps to Curb Rx Costs](#)
- [NJ and PA Pass Laws to Build State-Based Marketplaces](#)
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### Featured Stories

#### In 2019, State Legislatures Took Targeted, Aggressive Steps to Curb Rx Costs

As state legislatures wrap up their 2019 sessions, 29 states have enacted 46 drug pricing laws. Learning from last year's legislative efforts to curb drug costs, this year policymakers crafted comprehensive and more targeted bills. States imposed transparency and accountability requirements on entities throughout the drug supply chain, enabled the design of drug importation programs from Canada for federal approval, created drug affordability review boards, and promoted collective purchasing of drugs to enhance volume purchasing.

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#### NJ and PA Approve Laws to Build State-Based Marketplaces

New Jersey and Pennsylvania have passed laws to convert to state-based marketplaces (SBMs), which give states more control over health insurance markets and consistently outperform states that use the federal platform with higher enrollment, more insurance plan choices, lower premium rate hikes, and a younger consumer base. This will bring the number of states that operate an SBM or an SBM that uses the federal platform to 20 in January 2021.



#### #NASHPCONF19 Tackles the Drivers Behind Rising Health Care Costs

States face increasing urgency to address rising health care costs to balance their budgets and protect consumers and employers. Several sessions at NASHP's 32nd Annual State Health Policy Conference will address the latest strategies states are employing to confront the cost conundrum, including how to address increasingly consolidated markets, best practices to protect consumers from surprise balance bills, and how states are ensuring access to care in rural areas.

- [An Offer You Can't Refuse ... or Can You? Hospital Consolidation](#): 10-11:30 a.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22
- [Rural Hospitals Knead the Dough](#): 1:30-3 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22
- [The Whole World is Still Watching: Affordability, Public Options, Reference Pricing, etc.](#): 1:30-3 p.m. (CT) Thursday, Aug. 22
- [That is Not What I Ordered: Surprise Billing](#): 9-10:30 a.m. (CT) Friday, Aug. 23

View the full [conference agenda](#) and [register](#) before July 19 for the Early Bird discount!



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The early bird gets the discount! Register to attend NASHP's 32nd Annual State Health Policy Conference by Friday, July 19, 2019, to save up to \$200! #NASHPCONF19 is Aug. 21-23, 2019 in Chicago, and is a must-attend event where state health policymakers tackle cutting-edge issues, including prescription drug pricing, social determinants of health, health care costs, surprise medical billing, market segmentation, substance use disorders, behavioral health, and more! View the full [agenda](#) and [register](#) today!



### Webinars

[Webinar: Promoting Oral Health Workforce Innovation in California](#)  
4-5 p.m. (ET)  
Tuesday, July 30, 2019

[Webinar: Strategies for Connecting Justice-Involved Populations to Substance Use Disorder Treatment](#)  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (ET)  
Tuesday, July 30, 2019

[Webinar: Widening the Lens - Treatment for Alcohol and Stimulant Use Disorders](#)  
3-4:30 p.m. (ET)  
Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019

### Jobs

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### Resource of the Month



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#### Chart Features Medicaid Developmental Screening Policies by State

This month, NASHP features its chart, *Medicaid Developmental Screening Policies by State*. View 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](mailto:ehiggins@nashp.org).

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