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State-based Exchange Directors Share Successes with Federal Officials

Last week, state-based exchange directors and staff convened in Washington, DC for discussions and meetings with federal officials, hosted by NASHP. In addition to the meetings, two state-based exchange leaders testified before Congress. Directors highlighted the importance of state flexibility, the shared progress state exchanges have made, and offered suggestions for policies that would support continued stability for state individual and small group markets.



Four Lessons from Oregon's Accountable Health Models

Seven years ago, Oregon was among the first in the country to develop accountable health models – local networks that work to control costs and improve health on both an individual and community level in a measureable way. Oregon is now developing its second generation of Coordinated Care Organizations. This NASHP [blog](#) highlights Oregon's effective strategies to improve health equity and meet health-related needs through its accountable health entities.



Considerations for States Budgeting for Children's Insurance Coverage

The HEALTHY KIDS and ACCESS Acts provide long-term federal funding to Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP) and include a maintenance-of-effort requirement prohibiting most changes to coverage eligibility. States must address the phased decrease in the federal CHIP match rate that will go into effect in October 2019 and again in October 2020 by investing more state funds into this critical program.



Administration Releases Budget, Highlighting Priorities

The Office of Management and Budget has released the President's proposed [budget](#) for federal fiscal year 2020. The Administration also released the Department of Health and Human Services [budget in brief](#) that provides details about proposed cuts and investments in multiple health programs that states administer. NASHP is currently reviewing the budget and will provide additional information about its potential implications for states soon.



Apply Now: New Federal Funds for Rural Groups Working to Improve Opioid Treatment

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has announced the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) initiative's funding opportunity. Up to 75 rural consortiums of public and private entities can receive up to \$1 million each for a three-year period to enhance and expand opioid use disorder treatment and prevention services in high-risk rural communities. A webinar for applicants is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (EST) Wednesday, March 27. Grant applications are due May 6, 2019. To learn more about the initiative, visit HRSA's [website](#).



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Webinars

NASHP Webinars

- [Webinar: Cross-Agency Approaches to Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment](#)
4-5 p.m. (EST)
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
- [Webinar: State Tools to Lower Medicaid Prescription Drug Costs – Exploring Payment Methodologies for Retail and Physician-Administered Drugs](#)
2-3 p.m. (EST)
Friday, March 29, 2019

Non-NASHP Webinars

- [Webinar: Maximizing System-Level Data to Address Health and Social Complexity in Children – Spotlight on Oregon](#)

2-3 p.m. (EST)

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Jobs

NASHP Research Analyst – Chronic and Vulnerable Populations

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

NASHP Health Policy Associate - Child and Family Health Team

NASHP seeks a policy associate for its Child and Family Health Team. [Click for the full job description.](#)

Resource of the Month



Resources to Help States Improve Integrated Care for Children

In March, NASHP features its [Resources to Help States Improve Integrated Care for Children](#) issue hub. Integrating children's care improves early identification and treatment of health issues that can improve children's well-being and avoid costly medical, special education, foster care, and criminal justice expenses. The hub also provides valuable resources for states interested in the [Integrated Care for Kids \(InCK\) Model](#) and others working to implement payment, coverage, and cross-agency strategies to improve for integrated care coordination of behavioral, physical and health-related social needs for children eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 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. *Shutterstock.com*

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