

**Improving Care Delivery for Children:
Leveraging the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents**

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3:00 – 4:30 pm ET

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States around the country are actively working to improve service delivery under the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents (also known as the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit or EPSDT), Medicaid’s comprehensive and preventive child health program for individuals under the age of 21. The benefit provides tens of millions of children with access to a range of preventive, screening, and treatment services, as well as vision, dental, and hearing services. The benefit is critical to early identification of health conditions, as well as to maintaining and improving the health of low-income children, making it a key priority for states as they strive to improve population health.

This webinar will draw together Medicaid officials from three states for a conversation about how they have worked to improve the Medicaid benefit for children in their states. Speakers from Iowa, the District of Columbia, and Minnesota will discuss strategies for improving access and service delivery for Medicaid-enrolled children. The conversation will have a particular emphasis on efforts in these states to better coordinate care, use public health resources to deliver benefits, collect data on and improve quality, and enhance access and delivery of behavioral health services for children. This webinar is the first in a series on the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents: future webinars will delve more deeply into oral health, adolescent health, and care coordination.

NASHP recently launched a Resource Map on www.nashp.org to disseminate state-specific resources and information about strategies that state policymakers and Medicaid officials can use to deliver the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents. This webinar will supplement the discussion with examples of state resources available through the map.

3:00 – 3:05 pm ET	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Neva Kaye, Managing Director for Health System Performance, NASHP</p>
3:05 – 3: 20 pm ET	<p>Importance of the Medicaid Benefit for Children and Adolescents</p> <p>A presenter from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will provide a federal perspective on the Medicaid benefit for children and adolescents. She will discuss the opportunities the benefit offers to help states improve care for children and adolescents.</p> <p>Eliot Fishman, Director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</p>

3:20 – 4:00 pm ET	<p>Insights from States</p> <p>A facilitated discussion among three state Medicaid officials will explore challenges, opportunities, and strategies for delivering services to children.</p> <p>Glenace Edwall, Director of the Children’s Mental Health Division of Minnesota’s Department of Human Services, will describe the state’s effort to provide a continuum of services to children and its use of evidence-based approaches to improving behavioral health service delivery to children.</p> <p>Colleen Sonosky, the Associate Director of the D.C. Department of Health Care Finance, will discuss working with managed care organizations and providers to collect data and improve quality and delivery of EPSDT services.</p> <p>Jennifer Vermeer, Iowa’s Medicaid Director, will describe the close collaboration between Medicaid and the state’s public health department to deliver EPSDT services and support care coordination for children, including through use of new integrated health homes.</p>
4:00 – 4:25 pm ET	Question and Answer
4:25 – 4:30 pm ET	Wrap-Up