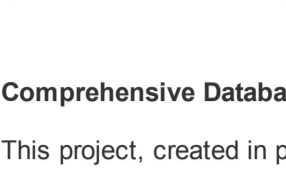




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While it is an understatement to say that 2020 has been a challenging year for those working in public health, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation is proud to share the stories of resilience and shining examples of innovation in Medicaid spotlighted over these past months. IMI would like to thank you, both our long-term colleagues and those who have recently discovered our work, for your continued support. We look forward to 2021 and new opportunities to provide valuable, equity-centered resources and initiatives!

New IMI Resources

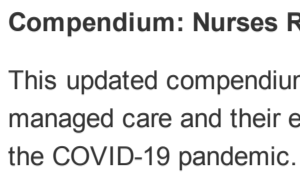
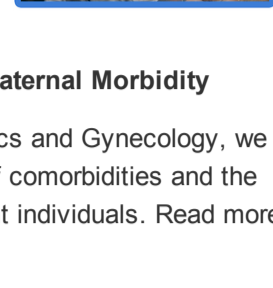


2020 Medicaid MCO Survey Report

IMI has released its third annual [Medicaid managed care organization \(MCO\) survey report](#), representing 67 percent of Medicaid MCO members. The survey is the first comprehensive effort to collect robust longitudinal data on Medicaid MCOs across eight critical categories. Read more [here](#). Thank you to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for their support on this project.

Comprehensive Database Highlights Maternal Health Policies

This project, created in partnership with CHCS, outlines policy levers that states have utilized to advance maternal health equity and support high-value care. Read more [here](#). Thank you to the Commonwealth Fund for their support on this project.

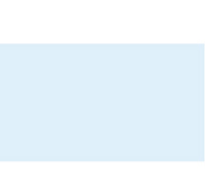


Comorbidities Increase Likelihood of Severe Maternal Morbidity

In a new IMI study released in the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, we found a positive correlation between the number of comorbidities and the likelihood of severe maternal morbidity for pregnant individuals. Read more [here](#).

Compendium: Nurses Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic

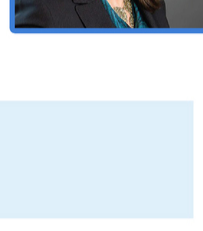
This updated compendium includes profiles on nurses working in Medicaid managed care and their experiences responding to the needs of members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).



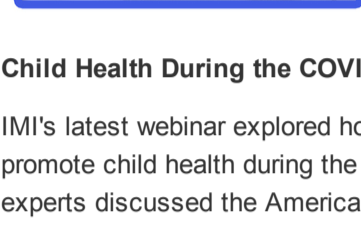
Recent Announcements

IMI's Dr. Moore Testifies on Racial Disparities in Maternal Health

On November 13th, IMI founding executive director, Dr. Jennifer Moore, provided expert testimony before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights during their virtual briefing on racial disparities in maternal health. Read more [here](#).



IMI Events

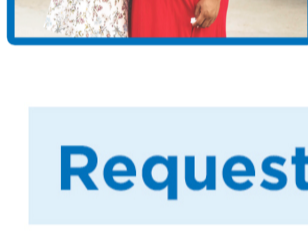
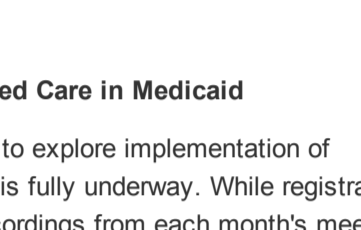


Annual Medicaid MCO Survey Report Release Event

On December 8, IMI hosted a virtual event celebrating the release of the 2020 annual Medicaid MCO survey report. The event highlighted survey results in eight critical categories and featured a panel discussion with Medicaid industry leaders. Access the full event recording [here](#).

Child Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic

IMI's latest webinar explored how Medicaid stakeholders can promote child health during the COVID-19 pandemic. A panel of experts discussed the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations and shared innovative initiatives as well as best practices that are being used to promote well-child healthcare access and vaccination adherence from Medicaid health plans and providers. Access the webinar recording [here](#).



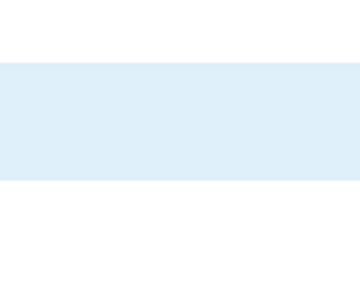
Virtual Learning Series on Midwifery-Led Care in Medicaid

IMI's learning series providing a roadmap to explore implementation of midwifery-led models of care in Medicaid is fully underway. While registration for the event is closed, resources and recordings from each month's meeting can be accessed [here](#).

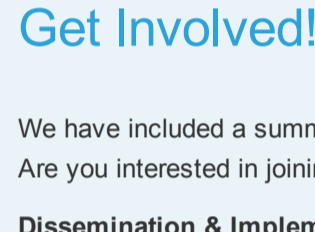
Request for Information

Get involved with the 2021 Medicaid MCO Survey!

Interested in participating in the development of the 2021 survey? There are many ways to get involved! Submit new questions, edits, or volunteer to join a survey workgroup. Learn more about these opportunities [here](#).



Come Work with Us!



We're Hiring!

Join the IMI team! We are looking to hire a health policy and research assistant to provide support on Medicaid specific projects related to the mission and strategic priorities of IMI. Learn more about this position [here](#).

Get Involved!

We have included a summary of the topics and projects that IMI's committees are actively tackling. Are you interested in joining the discussion? Email us at Info@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Dissemination & Implementation Committee

- Best practices in Medicaid managed care.
- Reducing disparities through health system and payment reform.
- Access to high-quality, person-centered contraceptive care via telehealth during COVID-19.
- Access to well-child visits and immunizations for children during COVID-19.
- Recuperative care and housing during COVID-19.
- Impact of changing technology and increased flexibilities during COVID-19.
- Community-based models of care, including community health workers.
- High-value, evidence-based maternal models of care.
- Prenatal and postpartum mood disorders during COVID-19.

Subcommittee on the Health of All Women in Medicaid

- Fourth trimester coverage for women enrolled in Medicaid.
- Disparities and state variation in maternal mortality and morbidity.
- High-value, evidence-based maternal models of care.
- Access to contraception and contraceptive counselling services, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC).
- Updating the women's health section of the annual Medicaid MCO survey.
- Levels of maternity care access during COVID.
- Utilization of IT to increase access to care.
- Women's health across the lifespan including older women in MLTSS.

Child & Adolescent Health Subcommittee

- Two generation model approaches.
- Effect of COVID-19 on children's health.
- Effect of COVID-19 on children's health on immunization rates and well-child visits.
- State strategies to reduce barriers to children's enrollment in Medicaid.
- Asthma and parental smoking.
- Parental mental health including maternal depression, ACEs, and child abuse.
- School-based health centers in Medicaid.
- Behavioral health in children of essential health workers.
- The collaborative impact of families, schools, and Medicaid health plans to support child health.
- Youth in foster care.
- Childhood obesity.

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

- Behavioral health and telehealth policies during COVID-19.
- Social isolation and loneliness as a result of COVID-19.
- Role of technology in improving behavioral care access, coverage, and outcomes.
- New Medicaid enrollees and behavioral health services.
- Racial and ethnic disparities in behavioral health services.
- Physical and behavioral health integration including value-based payment and high-risk care coordination.
- Substance use disorder.
- Maternal mental health including prenatal mood disorders and postpartum depression.

Data & Research Committee

- Annual Medicaid MCO survey.
- Collection of COVID-19-specific information through the survey.
- Collection of information related to telehealth, maternal health, and health equity through the survey.
- Risk adjustment models in Medicaid.
- State Medicaid enrollment form including readability and collection of SDOH data.
- State strategies to facilitate Medicaid enrollment during COVID-19.
- Impact and value of temporary policies enacted during COVID-19, such as telehealth.
- Impact of community health workers and the processes by which they achieve impact.
- Medicaid state facts.
- Current and former foster care individuals in Medicaid.

Annual Medicaid MCO Survey Subcommittee

- Annual Medicaid MCO survey.
- Market analysis and benchmarks on Medicaid managed care.
- Trend analysis of Medicaid MCOs, 2016-2020.
- Collection of COVID-19 specific information through the survey.
- Collection of information related to telehealth, maternal health, and health equity through the survey.

Social Determinants of Health Subcommittee

- Standardized screening of social needs.
- Readability and accessibility of the state Medicaid enrollment form.
- Technology platforms that connect individuals with community health workers.
- Integration and sharing of data and information between MCOs and CBOs.
- Impact of community health workers and the processes by which they achieve impact.
- Impact of COVID-19 on SDOH for Medicaid members and CBOs.
- Role of MCOs in addressing food insecurity for Medicaid members.

Communication Committee

- Collaborating and dissemination efforts of IMI resources.
- Identifying topics and function of IMI blog.

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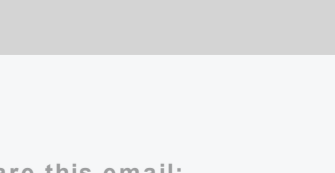
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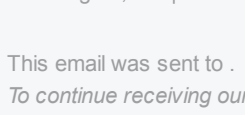
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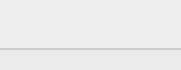
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