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Welcome to IMI's 2021 year in review! This past year saw the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, an event that continues to challenge the U.S.'s health care system while also prompting unprecedented innovation and opportunities to improve health equity, address systemic racism, and improve access to health care services. Maternal health and care for birthing individuals gained traction around the country through the development of policy and learning opportunities. Below, the IMI team is excited to share some of our largest and most impactful contributions to the Medicaid space and beyond. We invite you to grab a cup of tea and catch up on any reports or findings you may have missed, and we look forward to sharing many more new findings with you in the new year!

Recent Announcements

IMI Receives Honorable Mention for Gibbs Leadership Prize



IMI's groundbreaking analysis and scientific paper, "[Race, Medicaid Coverage, and Equity in Maternal Morbidity](#)," received an honorable mention for the international Charles E. Gibbs Leadership Prize awarded by the Women's Health Journal for scholarship that advances the field of women and gender health. The paper examined rates of severe maternal morbidity as compared

between Medicaid and private insurance.

Midwifery Learning Collaborative: The Journey of Birth Detroit

IMI's national [midwifery learning collaborative](#), funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, was recently featured in a new Every Child Thrives [article](#). It features Team Michigan, one of five multistakeholder teams selected through a competitive national process. Team Michigan's provider group, [Birth Detroit](#), is highlighted in the article, providing insight into their efforts to increase equitable access to midwifery-led models of care to reduce disparities and improve birth outcomes.



Upcoming Opportunity

Volunteer Opportunity: Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey



It is that time of year again! Nominations are being accepted to identify volunteers to join us in the process of refining the annual Medicaid Health Plan survey instrument. We anticipate a complete review of the survey to ensure that our questions remain relevant and timely in collecting meaningful data about the Medicaid program. The survey tool revision process will begin

in early 2022. Learn more and apply [here](#).

IMI's 2021 Year in Review

2021 Resources: Groundbreaking Reports

In 2021, IMI developed a number of resources focused on the most salient topics in Medicaid managed care. These span health equity, data, best practices, and more:

- [Report](#): 2021 Annual Medicaid MCO Survey Report
- [Fact Sheet](#): Impact of COVID-19 on Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- [Issue Brief](#): Medicaid 101: An Overview of State Plan Amendments
- [Compendium](#): 2020 Medicaid MCO Best Practices and Innovative Initiatives
- [Report](#): Using Data to Reduce Disparities and Improve Quality
- [Report](#): Leveraging Value-Based Payment Approaches to Promote Health Equity: Key Strategies for Health Care Payers



2021 Resources: Scientific Publications

IMI received recognition for our work in perinatal mental health, maternal health, and children's health through the publication of articles in a number of major journals:

- [Health Affairs](#): Policy Opportunities To Improve Prevention, Diagnosis, And Treatment Of Perinatal Mental Health Conditions
- [Health Affairs](#): Mental Health Conditions Increase Severe Maternal Morbidity By 50 Percent And Cost \$102 Million Yearly In The United States
- [Aspen Health Strategy Group](#): Reversing the U.S. Maternal Mortality Crisis: Medicaid and Maternal Health: A National Crisis at the Intersection of Health Systems and Structural Racism
- [American Journal of Public Health](#): Opportunities to support optimal health for children in Medicaid beyond the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Women's Health Issues](#): Race, Medicaid Coverage, and Equity in Maternal Morbidity



Additionally, IMI's work was featured in two major national reports:

- [NASEM](#): Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: Proceedings of a Workshop
- [U.S. Commission on Civil Rights](#): Racial Disparities in Maternal Health

2021 Resources: Featured Blogs

At IMI, our blogs allowed us to collaborate with our committee and subcommittee members, as well as other thought leaders in Medicaid, to look deeper into emerging topics in managed care:

- [Community-Based Doulas](#) in Medicaid: The Next Step in Equitable Perinatal Services
- New Roadmap & Checklist on High-Value, Evidence-Based [Maternal Models of Care](#) in Medicaid
- [Recuperative Care](#) & COVID-19 in the Medicaid Population
- Medicaid Covers Us: Conveying the [Value of Medicaid](#)
- Key Findings from IMI's [2020 Annual Medicaid MCO Survey](#): SDOH, Women's Health, & Child Health
- [Addressing SDOH](#) in Medicaid: Cross-Sector Collaborations to Support Initiatives



On the Virtual Road with IMI

2021 Virtual On-the-Road Events

This past year, IMI spoke at a number of virtual events including keynotes, conferences, and webinars. IMI also concluded its virtual learning series on midwifery-led models of care. All eight parts of the learning series are now available to watch:

- [Institute for Medicaid Innovation](#): Virtual Learning Series on Midwifery-Led Care in Medicaid
- [2021 LAN Virtual Summit](#): Designing Transformation: The Role of APMs in Health Equity
- [Health Affairs](#): Health Affairs Briefing Perinatal Mental Health
- [The Council of State Government](#): Medicaid Leadership Academy
- [American Nurses Association](#): Policy, Innovation, & Advocacy Virtual Forum
- [AcademyHealth](#): Annual Research Meeting
- [NASEM](#): Workshop on Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Mortality
- [Annual Texas Medicaid and CHIP](#): Managed Care Virtual Quality Forum
- [University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing](#): Reducing Maternal Mortality: Multilevel Approaches to Reduce Maternal Death
- [2020 Mom](#): A Conversation for Change: What Medicaid Agencies and Managed Care Organizations can do to Close Gaps in Maternal Mental Health
- [2020 Mom](#): Annual Forum
- [ACAP](#): 2021 Leadership Academy February Meetings
- [American Association of Birth Centers](#): Getting Payment Right: Unlocking High-Value Care through Appropriate Birth Center Reimbursement

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Upcoming Events:

Virtual Value-based Summit featuring IMI's Dr. Jennifer E. Moore's **Roundtable on Implementing CMS Innovation Center Health Equity Initiatives**

January 24th and 26th, 2022



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Apply for our Newest Director Positions



Join the IMI team as our inaugural [communications](#) or [development director](#)! IMI is growing and seeks to hire two new senior leaders to support IMI's mission and new strategic priorities. Learn more about these opportunities [here](#).

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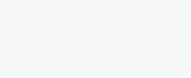


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