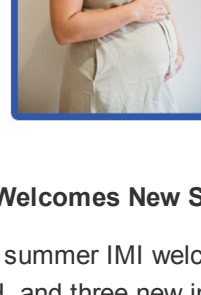




Recent Announcements

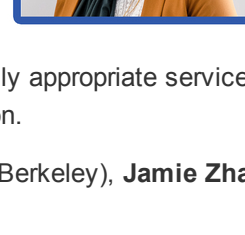


IMI Awarded Grant for National Maternal Health Learning Collaborative

IMI was awarded funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to launch a national learning collaborative for Medicaid stakeholders. The midwifery learning collaborative is an intensive 3-year program that will provide support, resources, and guidance for state-based teams looking to develop sustainable initiatives to advance midwifery-led models of care for the Medicaid population in their communities. Learn more [here](#).

IMI Welcomes New Staff and Summer Interns

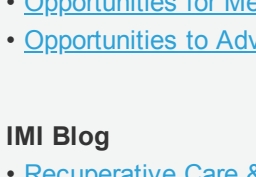
This summer IMI welcomed a senior program manager, Ayesha Anwar, MSW, MPH, and three new interns.



Ayesha Anwar, MSW, MPH joins IMI with over 15 years of research, public health, and project management experience. At IMI, Ayesha will serve as the senior program manager for several projects and lead IMI national committees. Prior to joining IMI, Ayesha served as the culturally and linguistically appropriate services specialist at AmeriHealth Caritas, a national Medicaid managed care organization.

IMI's three new summer interns include **Jakob Decano** (University of California Berkeley), **Jamie Zhao** (University of Chicago), and **Megha Kunju** (University of Michigan).

New IMI Resources



IMI frequently releases resources related to a variety of topics in Medicaid. Below is a snapshot of the recent releases across several categories of focus at IMI. Learn more about the mission and vision behind IMI's work [here](#).

High-Value, Evidence-Based Maternal Models of Care

- [Opportunities for Medicaid Stakeholders to Advance Midwifery-Led Models of Care](#)
- [Opportunities to Advance Midwifery-Led Models of Care: A Checklist for Medicaid Stakeholders](#)

IMI Blog

- [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](#)

Medicaid 101

- [Medicaid 101: An Overview of State Plan Amendments & Waivers](#)

Annual Medicaid MCO Survey

- [2020 Medicaid MCO Best Practices and Innovative Initiatives](#)

Child and Adolescent Health

- [Opportunities to Support Optimal Health for Children in Medicaid Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

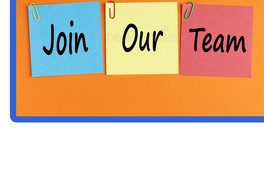
Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

- [Race, Medicaid Coverage, and Equity in Maternal Morbidity](#)

Advancing Health Equity

- [Using Data to Reduce Disparities and Improve Quality](#)
- [Leveraging Value-Based Payment Approaches to Promote Health Equity: Key Strategies for Health Care Payers](#)

Come Work with Us!

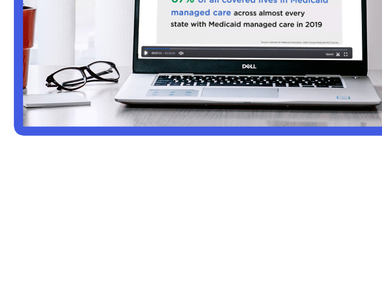


Join the IMI team! We are looking to hire for multiple projects, including a [health equity fellow](#), a [maternal health research assistant](#), and [research project coordinator](#) to provide support on Medicaid-specific projects related to the mission and strategic priorities of IMI. Learn more about these opportunities [here](#).

On the Virtual Road with IMI

Are you interested in learning more about the work of IMI?

Join us **virtually** at one of the many events, meetings, and conferences across the United States! Check out the list of upcoming events below and remember to register:



American Nurses Association: Policy, Innovation, & Advocacy Virtual Forum

September 14, 2021

[Learn more and register here](#)

The Council of State Government: Medicaid Leadership Academy

September 29- October 1, 2021

[Learn more and register here](#)

In case you missed it...

This past month, IMI spoke at the following virtual event. Watch archived recordings and access slide decks from the event below:

- **NASEM workshop** on ["Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Mortality"](#)

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.
- COVID-19 vaccine distribution in the Medicaid population.
- 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 including a focus 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 of school-aged children.
- The collaborative impact of families, schools, and Medicaid health plans to support child health.
- Youth in the child welfare system.
- 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.
- Alternative payment models and value-based purchasing for behavioral health.
- 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, health equity, and structural racism 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.
- Conveying the value of Medicaid managed care through strategic messaging.

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, health equity, and structural racism 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

- Building membership and strategic priorities
- Collaboration and dissemination efforts of IMI resources.
- Building social media campaign around Medicaid health plan members and/or staff.

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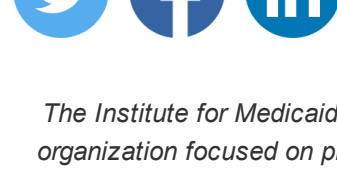
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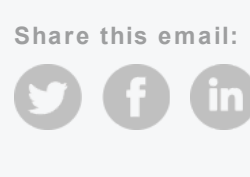
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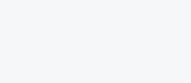
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