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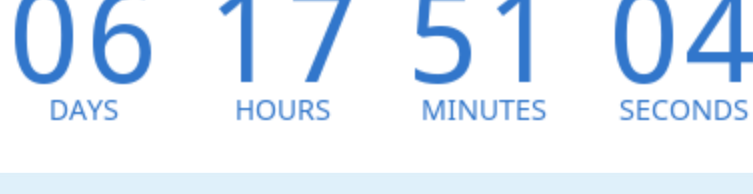
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Release Event: 4th Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey Report Release Event

Join the Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) on Friday, November 19th from 2:30-4 p.m. EST for the official release of the **2021 Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey: Medicaid Access & Care in 2020 Report**. Trends in Medicaid managed care and emerging data on key topics will be featured including health equity and structural racism, social determinants of health, the COVID-19 pandemic, and more. A panel of Medicaid experts will share reactions to the report findings, provide important context and insights, and shed light on how Medicaid health plans, community-based organizations, and state Medicaid agencies can utilize the report. Register for the webinar event [here](#).

Countdown to the Release Event



COVID-19: Request for Information

Medicaid MCO: Innovation During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Are you leading an **innovative initiative** that addresses **social needs and health inequities** during the **COVID-19 pandemic**? IMI is excited to spearhead a project funded by the Episcopal Health Foundation and Robert Wood John Foundation focused on Medicaid managed care organizations' efforts with community-based organizations. The selected initiatives and best practices will be highlighted as part of a compendium resource that will be disseminated nationally via the IMI website, newsletter, webinar, and media outlets. Learn more and submit it [here](#).

New IMI Resources



IMI Featured in Health Affairs October Perinatal Mental Health Issue

In Health Affairs' October theme issue, national research and policy experts shed light on the growing national issue of perinatal mental health. Several IMI team members have articles featured in this issue including an overview of policy opportunities to improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of perinatal mental health conditions as well as a paper on the impact of mental health conditions on severe maternal morbidity and additional costs. Read more [here](#).

Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

IMI was featured in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's recent report on maternal health in the U.S. The report shared the work of IMI's executive director, Dr. Jennifer E. Moore, on Medicaid and maternal health, highlighting the disparities faced by birthing individuals and policy opportunities to address these experiences. Read more [here](#).

New on the Blog

Community-Based Doulas in Medicaid

How can community-based perinatal models of care address disparities? In a new blog post, IMI and co-authors from UnitedHealthcare Community & State, Aetna Medicaid, and L.A. Care Health Plan outline opportunities for inclusion and support of doula services through Medicaid policy. Read the blog [here](#).



Come Work with Us!

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](#).

Stay Up to Date

Did you miss one of our recently released new resources? Below is a snapshot of our articles, reports, tools, and other resources across several key categories. You can learn more about the mission and vision behind IMI's work [here](#).

Perinatal Mental Health

- [Policy Opportunities To Improve Prevention, Diagnosis, And Treatment Of Perinatal Mental Health Conditions](#)
- [Mental Health Conditions Increase Severe Maternal Morbidity By 50 Percent And Cost \\$102 Million Yearly In The United States](#)
- [Perinatal Mental Illness is Very Common. How Can It Be Improved?](#)
- [Health Affairs Briefing Perinatal Mental Health](#)
- [Navigating Mental Health Services While Pregnant](#)

COVID-19

- [Recuperative Care & COVID-19 in the Medicaid Population](#)
- [Opportunities to Support Optimal Health for Children in Medicaid Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [How States Are Facilitating Medicaid Enrollment During COVID-19—And How They Can do Even More](#)
- [Medicaid Enrollment during COVID-19: A Content Analysis of State Actions to Mitigate Barriers](#)

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](#)

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 the list of upcoming events below and remember to register.



IMI Annual Medicaid Health Plan Survey Release Event

November 19, 2021 | 2-3:30pm ET

[Register](#)

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In case you missed it...

This month, IMI spoke at a number of virtual events. Watch and listen to archived recordings from the events below:

- Health Affairs October issue virtual release event:** "[Briefing on Perinatal Mental Health](#)"
- Health Affairs podcast:** "[Perinatal Mental Illness is Very Common. How Can It Be Improved?](#)"
- NASEM workshop** on "[Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Mortality](#)"

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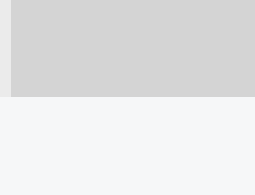
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