



INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAID INNOVATION

Welcome!

Through our newly implemented newsletters, we aim to give you the latest insight into the emerging policy, clinical, and research topics that will be useful as you work to improve Medicaid and the people it serves. In this edition, we highlight such items as [new grant funding](#), developments within our [committees](#), and a [summer internship opportunity](#) at IMI.

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI), a 501(c)3 nonprofit research organization, is dedicated to providing information, data analysis, and innovative solutions that address important clinical, research, and policy issues in Medicaid. It achieves this through stakeholder engagement, research, education, quality improvement initiatives, and implementation activities. The Institute has taken on the ambitious agenda to identify what works well in Medicaid and to explore areas that need improvement, while developing and testing novel solutions.

IMI Launches Newly Funded Medicaid MCO Survey



Through funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Institute for Medicaid Innovation continues its wide-reaching Medicaid MCO Survey first launched in 2018. Results highlighted benefits Medicaid MCOs bring in value-based payment, high-risk care coordination, and women's health, among others. The 2019 Medicaid MCO Survey will continue to focus on MCO efforts in eight major areas of Medicaid program development.

Additionally, this year, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation is adding a section on social determinants of health. For more information on the 2019 survey and for the report on last year's results, [read more here](#).

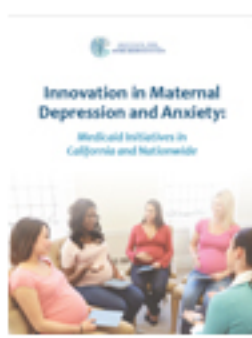
Innovation and Opportunities to Address Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid Managed Care



New report on unmet social needs highlights opportunities, challenges facing MCOs, other stakeholders. The Institute for Medicaid Innovation shed light on the economic and social conditions affecting health outcomes in underserved populations with a new report, "Innovation and Opportunities to Address Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid Managed Care." [Read more here](#).

New Report Released on Maternal Depression and Anxiety in Medicaid

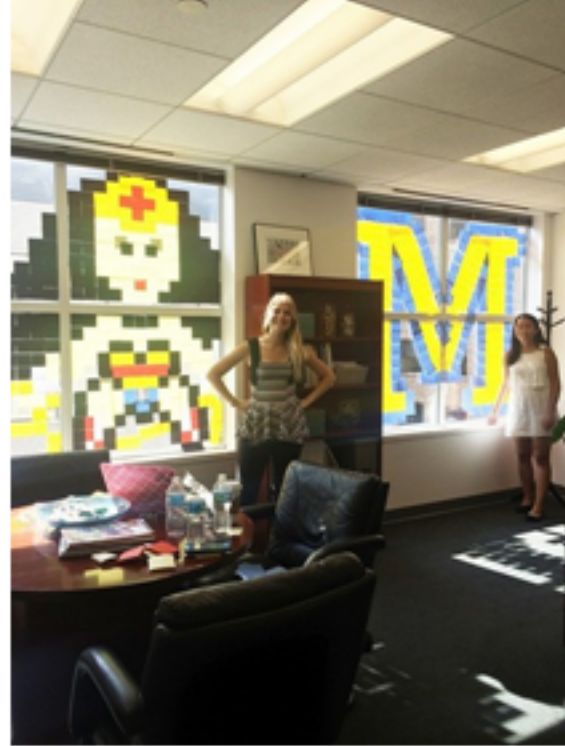
Resource helps MCOs develop their own programs, but highlights policy hurdles. IMI tackled the issue of maternal depression and anxiety with a new report that described the scope of the problem, what plans are already doing to combat it, and what stands in the way of further progress. Produced with support from the California Health Care Foundation, the report also offered tools that Medicaid stakeholders can use as a guideline to craft their own programs. [Read more here](#).



IMI Resources

With so many new reports and projects taking off at IMI, we want to make sure some of our most in-depth and useful resources were just a click away.

[Childhood Obesity: CHOPT for Medicaid Toolkit](#)
[2018 MMCO Survey Report](#)
[Medicaid State Fact Sheets](#)



Intern with IMI

IMI is currently recruiting undergraduate students who are interested in health policy to join our summer internship program.

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation offers internship opportunities to undergraduate and master level students and recent graduates. Interns work on a variety of projects focused on Medicaid managed care, disparities, and vulnerable populations. Based on individual goals and interest areas, each internship is a unique experience.

[Learn more about our internship opportunity here.](#)

Coming Soon!

Report: Behavioral Health Coverage in Medicaid Managed Care, 2017 Survey Results

Behavioral health continues to be a major focus for the Medicaid program, with many Medicaid health plans providing behavioral health coverage as part of their comprehensive benefits package. However, many individuals still do not seek or complete treatment.

In this issue brief, we report findings from the Institute for Medicaid Innovation's annual Medicaid managed care survey that are specific to behavioral health, including trends in prevalence and disparities. We also outline opportunities to address research, clinical, and policy priorities for behavioral health.

IMI Committees

What are the IMI committees & subcommittees focused on during their meetings? We have included a summary of the major projects they are actively tackling. Are you interested in joining the discussion? Email Dr. Jennifer Moore at JMoore@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Dissemination & Implementation Committee

- Disparities in maternal mortality & morbidity
- Best practices in Medicaid managed care specific to value-based purchasing, high risk care coordination, pharmacy, women's health, child and adolescent health, behavioral health, LTSS, and social determinants of health
- Comprehensive resource on high-value, evidence-based maternal models of care that are under utilized in Medicaid
- Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception
- Social determinants of health
- Three-year, multi-stakeholder innovation incubator focused on reducing disparities through health system and payment reform

Child & Adolescent Health Subcommittee

- Two generation approaches
- Asthma and parental smoking
- Parental mental health including maternal depression, ACEs, and child abuse
- Childhood obesity

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

- This newly created subcommittee will have its first meeting in March.

Data & Research Committee

- Annual Medicaid Managed Care Survey with sections focused on value-based purchasing, high risk care coordination, pharmacy, women's health, child and adolescent health, behavioral health, LTSS, and social determinants of health
- Risk adjustment models in Medicaid
- Social determinants of health

Annual Medicaid MCO Survey Subcommittee

- Annual Medicaid Managed Care Survey with sections focused on value-based purchasing, high risk care coordination, pharmacy, women's health, child and adolescent health, behavioral health, LTSS, and social determinants of health
- Market analysis and benchmarks on Medicaid managed care

Social Determinants of Health Subcommittee

- This newly created subcommittee will have its first meeting in March.