



Recent Announcements

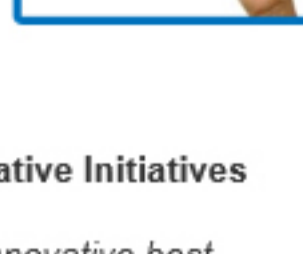


Double Report Release: MLTSS in Medicaid

MLTSS is growing rapidly- already outpacing total LTSS spending- and in its new report, IMI outlines clinical, research, and policy opportunities to help improve quality of care and ensure the success of the program over time. Read more here.

2019 Medicaid MCO Survey Report Release

IMI has released the second annual Medicaid managed care survey report. The survey is the first comprehensive effort to collect robust, longitudinal data on Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) across eight categories. Read more here.



IMI's Annual Medicaid Survey Unveils MCO Innovative Initiatives

As part of the survey report release, IMI highlighted innovative best practices led by Medicaid MCOs in each of the eight categories. These innovative projects are helping MCOs bridge social service gaps and deliver effective health services to members, especially those with complex medical needs. Read more about the 2019 Medicaid MCO Best Practices and Innovative Initiatives here.



Practices and Innovative Initiatives here.

Requests for Information

Two Generation Health RFI

IMI's Child & Adolescent Health Subcommittee is asking health plans and associated providers or other organizations, to identify and describe current examples of care using a Two Generation Health model. The information submitted will be highlighted in an upcoming report outlining Two Generation Health information and initiatives. Access the RFI here.



Maternal Models of Care RFI

IMI is asking health plans and associated providers or other organizations to identify and describe current examples of innovative initiatives and promising best practices utilizing midwifery-led models of care, both in-hospital and freestanding birth centers, and home visiting programs that include doulas and/or community health workers, in the Medicaid population across the U.S. Access the RFI here.



Come Work with Us!

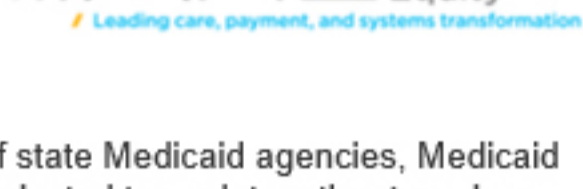
Health Policy and Research Fellow in Social Determinants of Health

The successful fellow will work directly with the Executive Director and Health Policy & Research Assistant on a project aiming to analyze the accessibility and readability of Medicaid application enrollment forms for all 50 states and DC. Common readability indexes will be used to compare state Medicaid enrollment application forms to state and national readability guidelines. Read more and apply today here.



Advancing Health Equity Learning Collaborative

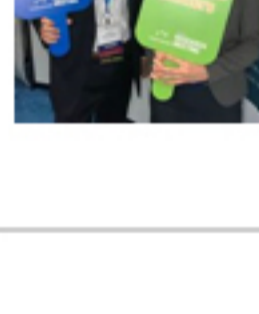
The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI), University of Chicago, and Center for Healthcare Strategies (CHCS) have partnered to lead an exciting three-year initiative, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Advancing Health Equity: Leading Care Payment & Systems Transformation."



Through a competitive process, seven teams, comprised of state Medicaid agencies, Medicaid health plans, and health care delivery organizations were selected to work together to reduce health disparities as members of the AHE Learning Collaborative. Read about the teams selected here.

The Learning Collaborative kicked off October 2-3 in Chicago.

On the Road with IMI



To close out 2019, IMI will be presenting at AcademyHealth's D & I Conference. Register below to learn more about our research in the field, and stay tuned for IMI's 2020 conference schedule.

AcademyHealth D & I Conference (December 4-6)

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Medicaid Leader Interview: Sandra G. Hassink, MD, MsC



Sandra G. Hassink, MD, MsC is the Chair of the IMI Child and Adolescent Health Subcommittee, Past-President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Medical Director at AAP Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight

What do you see as the emerging issues in Medicaid managed care?

I think one of the emerging issues in Medicaid managed care is understanding the impact of and implementing a Two Generation approach. We know the health of children and families is integrally related and that the risk for chronic illness often begins in the family and is a function of factors that affect the whole family. Taking care of families, understanding the family unit a key to promoting health in all members is the way we will begin to get traction on a healthier population.

What innovative initiative are you leading right now that you are really excited about?

Our work in the Child and Adolescent Subcommittee is on Two Generation care and I am very excited about it. We have completed a literature review of the topic and have a request for information out to gather best practices in implementing multigenerational care. We are focused on how plans are currently implementing Two Generation approaches and how these approaches are affecting care.

What past innovative projects have you enjoyed working on the most?

I really enjoyed the work I did with IMI on childhood obesity. Two outstanding toolkits were created, a collaborative was formed and an in person meeting with plans and families took place. The most exciting part was meeting families, getting their input and sharing ideas about how plans could continue to meet the needs of children with obesity and their families.

What is your most memorable experience interacting with a family or individual enrolled in Medicaid?

My favorite experience came out of our IMI work on obesity. We decided to invite families to our meeting where the plans were sharing best practices. The night before the meeting, we took the families bowling as an ice breaker. Everyone was laughing and talking, the kids were running around and the committee and families connected in a way we never could have in the meeting. It made the meeting feel like this special place where we were all on the same team to help the kids get healthy.

Get Involved!

We have included a summary of the major projects that IMI's committees are actively tackling. Are you interested in joining the discussion? Email Dr. Jennifer Moore at JMoore@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Dissemination & Implementation Committee

- Disparities and state variation 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 (LARC).
Social determinants of health.
Three-year, multi-stakeholder innovation incubator focused on reducing disparities through health system and payment reform.

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.
Comprehensive resource on high-value, evidence-based maternal models of care that are under-utilized in Medicaid.
Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC).
Disparities in pre-term birth.

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

- Physical and behavioral health integration including the use of CPT codes.
Opioid use during pregnancy and neonatal abstinence syndrome.
HEDIS measures for behavioral health.
Housing for individuals with serious mental illness, behavioral health challenges, intellectually disabled or developmentally disabled individuals, and individuals with co-occurring disorders.

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, MLTSS, and social determinants of health.
Risk adjustment models in Medicaid.
Social determinants of health.
Standardized collection of social needs data.

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, MLTSS, and social determinants of health.
Market analysis and benchmarks on Medicaid managed care.
The role of health plans in providing long-terms services and supports.
Value-based purchasing and alternative payment models in Medicaid.

Social Determinants of Health Subcommittee

- Standardized screening of social needs.
Technology platforms the support connecting individuals with community health workers and resources.
Integration and sharing of data and information.

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, and policy 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.