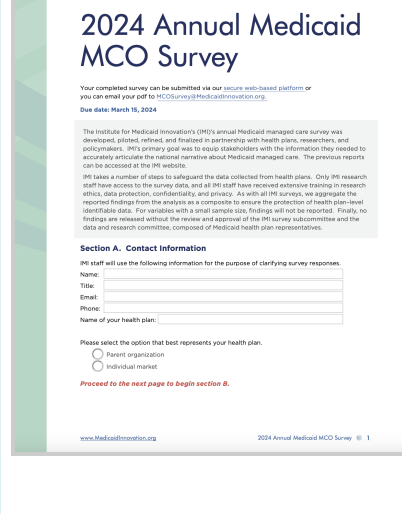


## Welcome to the March Newsletter

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## New IMI Release



### IMI Fields Annual Medicaid MCO Survey Instrument for Medicaid Health Plans

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) recently fielded its seventh annual Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) survey instrument.

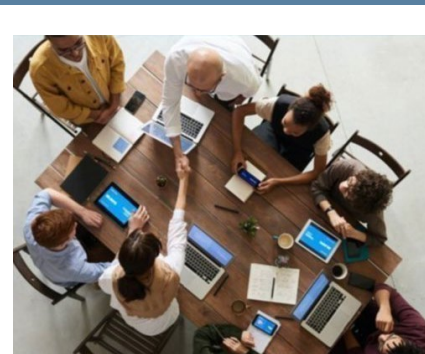
The one-of-kind, national survey is funded by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) and provides longitudinal insights into emerging trends and best practices among Medicaid health plans.

This year, the survey instrument features an in-depth look at how health plans are incorporating sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), transgender health care, gender-affirming services, and other relevant issues into their coverage.

If you work at a Medicaid health plan, we look forward to your participation!

## New National Advisory Committee Launched

### Doula Learning Action Collaborative Launches New National Advisory Committee



IMI launched a National Advisory Committee (NAC) for the planning phase of our upcoming Doula Learning and Action Collaborative. Funded by the [Pritzker Children's Initiative](#), the three-year collaborative will support state-based teams committed to increasing access to doula services for birthing people of color who have Medicaid health insurance. The NAC will provide overall guidance, consultation, and subject matter expertise to the project team during the planning phase. Please look for an announcement in the coming weeks containing more information about the collaborative and a link to the application for state-based teams.

The following dynamic and diverse group of experts are serving as members of the NAC:

- Iris Bicksler, CHW, PSS, Doula, PacificSource Health Plans
- Amy Chen, JD, National Health Law Program
- Alli Cuentos, SisterWeb
- Twylla Dillion, PhD, MBA, HealthConnect One
- Shanita "OABBY" Edwards, CD, OABBY Natural Healing
- Simone Edwards, DrPH, MPH, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield
- Nina F. Miles Everett, MD, MBA, FACP, CHCQM, Priority Partners MCOs for Johns Hopkins University
- Theresa Hattori, MBAHM Candidate, Community Health Plan of Washington
- Holly Horan, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Sarah Hodin Krinsky, MPH, MassHealth
- Chelsey Leruth, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Tricia McGinnis, MPP, MPH, Center for Health Care Strategies
- Mireda Menos, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey
- Pooja Mittal, DO, Health Net
- Salma Mohamed, MPA, MassHealth
- Renée Mollow, MSN, RN, California Department of Health Care Services
- Raeben Nolan, CD, Legacy Health & Oregon Doula Association
- Andrea Palmer, MPA, MBA, Pritzker Children's Initiative
- Sayida Peprah-Wilson, PsyD, Diversity Uplifts, Inc.
- Belinda Pettiford, MPH, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Chanel Porchia-Albert, CD, CPD, CLC, CHHC, Ancient Song Doula Services
- Beth Tinker, PhD, MPH, RN, Washington State Health Care Authority
- Jill Wodnick, MA, LCCE, IMH-E@II, Montclair State University

## Community Power Building



### Midwifery in Medicaid Business Case Learning Series Continues

IMI recently held the 11th session in this learning series, which is funded by the [Skyline Foundation](#). The panel featured Dr. Nikia Grayson and her colleague Sandra Bland of [CHOICES Center for Reproductive Health](#), Claudia Jennings of [Primary Maternity Care](#), and Leseliey Welch, co-founder of [Birth Detroit](#) and [Birth Center Equity](#). The series is designed to increase understanding of Medicaid payment structures, including provider payment from Medicaid agencies and managed care organizations, and how to research factors relevant to a local market.

Participants are primarily Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) midwives and students who are learning how they can maximize Medicaid reimbursement to support the sustainability of midwifery services and build business cases to expand access to midwifery care in their communities. The series builds upon earlier work, including the [Essential Elements for a Maternal Health Initiative Business Case](#).

## IMI On The Road

### IMI Presented at ACAP Leadership Academy

February 9, 2024 | Washington, D.C.

IMI founding executive director **Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN** presented "What's on the Minds of Today's Medicaid MCOs?" at the 2024 ACAP Leadership Academy on February 9, 2024. Dr. Moore provided insights from IMI's annual Medicaid MCO survey, as well as the latest trends identified in IMI's redetermination survey series. Learn more about ACAP [here](#).

## Upcoming Opportunity

### CMS to Release Notice of Funding Opportunity for Transforming Maternal Health Model

Looking for opportunities to implement the 5 Big Ideas outlined in the recent [Blueprint for Improving Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes Under Medicaid](#)? The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it will soon release a Notice of Funding Opportunity for state Medicaid agencies for its new Transforming Maternal Health (TMAH) Model. The model will support participating state Medicaid agencies in the development of a whole-person approach to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care that addresses the physical, mental health, and social needs experienced during pregnancy. The goal of the model is to reduce disparities in access and treatment.

Information and updates are available on the [Transforming Maternal Health \(TMAH\) Model | CMS](#) website.

## Support IMI

### Join the Effort to Improve the Lives of Millions of Americans!

We, at IMI, dream every day of a world with equitable health care for children and their families. One where high-quality, evidence-based care is provided under the umbrella of a Medicaid program that's accessible to any family or individual who needs it.

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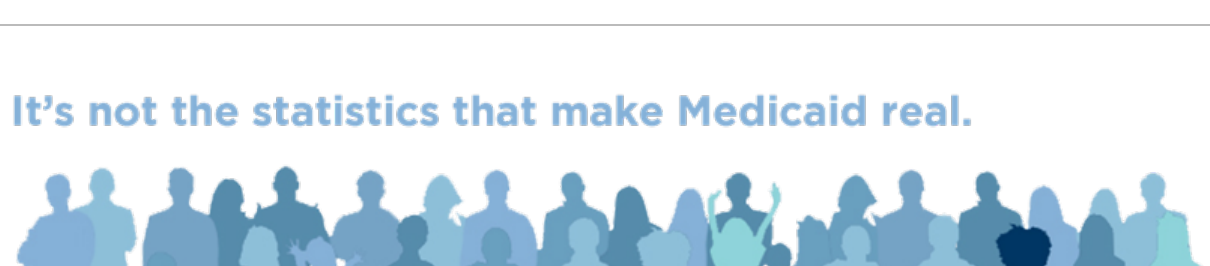
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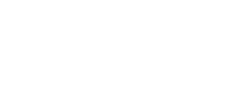


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