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National Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative Convenes in Detroit



The Institute for Medicaid Innovation brought together representatives from five state-based teams participating in the Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative. These teams came together on June 21st in Detroit, Michigan, to celebrate and uplift their work and the impact it is having for those with Medicaid insurance coverage in their communities. [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) funded the project, building on initial work funded by the [Skyline Foundation](#).

Participants shared successes over the three-year period, including lessons learned and plans to continue to advance their SMARTIE (specific, measurable, actionable, relevant, time-bound, inclusive and equitable) goals.

Twenty State-Based Teams Apply for Doula Learning and Action Collaborative

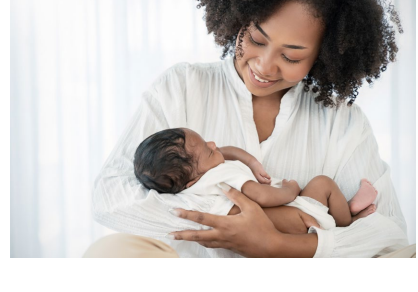
The Institute for Medicaid Innovation is pleased to announce that 20 state-based teams have officially applied to participate in its upcoming three-year Doula Learning and Action Collaborative! Each team includes state Medicaid agency, Medicaid health plan, doula, community-based organization, and person with lived/living experience representation.

The collaborative will provide participants with the tools and support they need to take action to advance birth equity and justice in their state. The final teams selected for the collaborative will be announced in the coming weeks. They will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to increase access to evidence-based community doula services for families of color who have Medicaid health insurance coverage.

The collaborative is funded by [Klingenstein Philanthropies](#); the planning phase was funded by the [Pritzker Children's Initiative](#).

Midwifery in Medicaid Business Case Learning Series Draws to a Close

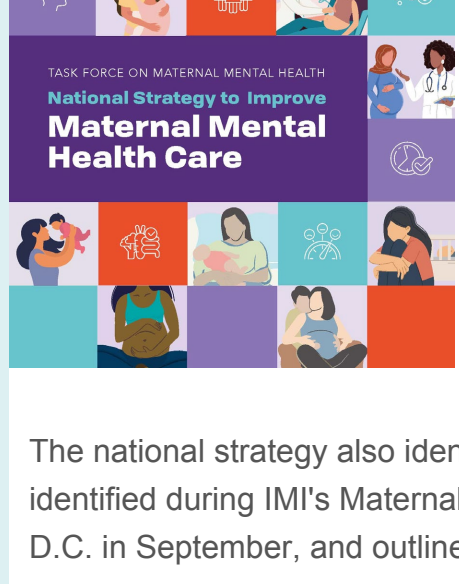
After 15 sessions, 18 months, and approximately 100 competitively-selected participants, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation's Midwifery in Medicaid Business Case Learning Series recently came to a close.



The series, which was funded by the [Skyline Foundation](#), was designed to help midwives and students learn how they can maximize Medicaid reimbursement to support the sustainability of midwifery services and to build a business case to expand access to and coverage of in-demand, community-based maternal care models in their communities. The series built on earlier IMI work, including the [Essential Elements for a Maternal Health Initiative Business Case](#).

IMI's Work Cited in Leading Publications

US HHS Cites IMI in National Strategy to Improve Maternal Mental Health Care



The work of the Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) is cited in the [National Strategy to Improve Maternal Mental Health Care](#), which was recently published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Task Force on Maternal Mental Health. The national strategy, led by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), cited IMI's [Innovation in Perinatal and Child Health in Medicaid: Investing in the Prenatal-to-Three Framework to Support Communities and Advance Equity](#), a project funded by the [Pritzker Children's Initiative](#).

The national strategy also identified opportunities that mirror the 5 Big Ideas that were identified during IMI's Maternal Health Policy Equity Summit, which was held in Washington D.C. in September, and outlined in IMI's [summit report](#) published earlier this year.

Commonwealth Fund Brief Highlights IMI in Maternity Care Brief

The Commonwealth Fund's recent brief titled, "[A Community-Led Approach to Transforming Maternity Care](#)," outlines how communities most impacted by disparities in maternal health care are working together to build safer systems of care. By increasing access to comprehensive, individualized care in low-income communities, they aim to prove that disparities are a function of delivery system design, not demographics. The brief cites IMI founding executive director Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN, who points out that an awareness campaign educating the public about the value of midwifery and birth center care can be a big driver of change.

IMI Hits the Road

IMI Presents at Association of Community Affiliated Plans

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation's (IMI) founding executive director, Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN, and director of operations and strategic business development, Anna Bonelli, MURP, provided an overview of key findings from IMI's 4th survey of MCOs in its series on redetermination, and the trend analysis from all four of the redetermination surveys at a meeting with Association of Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) May 30th. Learn more about ACAP [here](#).

IMI Joins Birth Equity Leaders at Funders for Birth Justice and Equity Summit

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation's (IMI) founding executive director, Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN, joined other birth equity leaders at the Funders for Birth Justice and Equity Summit titled, "Not Just Ideas: Strategically Advancing Medicaid Maternal Health Policy" in Chicago on June 13, 2024.



Jennifer joined a host of presenters who facilitated discussions on how to advance justice in Medicaid maternal health policy:

- Indra Lusero, Elephant Circle
- Jacquelyn Caglia and Wilna Paulemon, Merck for Mothers
- Monique Shaw, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Raquel Mazon Jeffers, Community Health Acceleration Partnership
- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Afton Bloom (panel moderator)

Jennifer also presented highlights from IMI's national [Blueprint for Improving Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes Under Medicaid](#), which was created following IMI's Maternal Health Policy Equity Summit in September 2023. The report outlines 5 Big Ideas to transform the nation's maternal and infant health.

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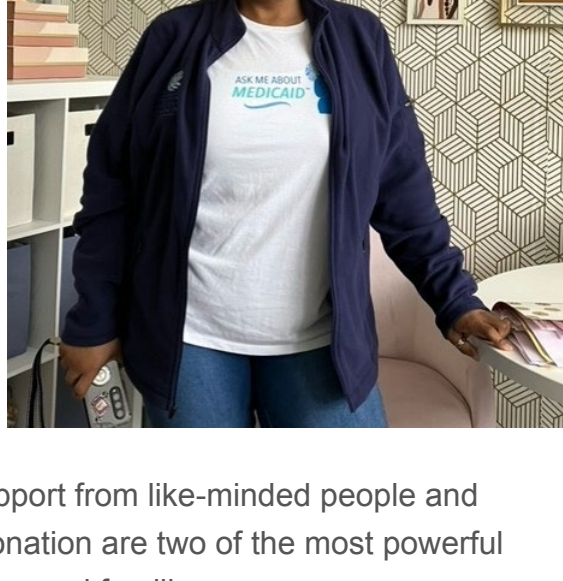
The Institute for Medicaid Innovation, [University of Chicago, Center for Health Care Strategies](#), and [The Justice Collective](#) are partners in a multi-year national initiative, "Advancing Health Equity (AHE): Leading Care, Payment & Systems Transformation," funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The collaborative is presenting a poster titled, "Multi-stakeholder Collaborative Leads Care, Payment, and Systems Transformation to Advance Health Equity," at the upcoming Annual Research Meeting (ARM) hosted by AcademyHealth, the largest forum for health services research and AcademyHealth's most popular meeting. The meeting will be held June 29 - July 2, in Baltimore.

The collaborative identifies best practices, implements innovative initiatives, and supports policy recommendations for integrating payment and health care delivery reforms that seek to eliminate health care disparities and achieve equity. [Learn more about the collaborative.](#)

Check out our Swag and Support IMI!

After years of receiving requests to create Medicaid merchandise, we have officially launched our [first online swag store](#), complete with a tote bag, a blanket, a sling backpack and two kinds of t-shirts. Keisha Burkett, IMI's operations manager (right), is modeling one of the t-shirts that is available.

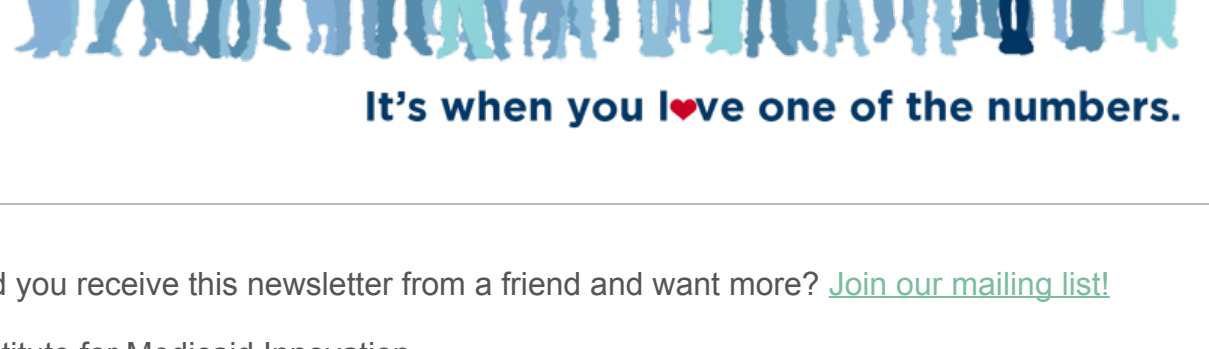


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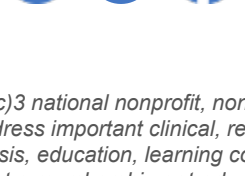


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