

Welcome to the September Newsletter

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Midwifery Learning Collaborative Celebrates Success with Release of Case Studies and Highlights Video

In 2021, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) launched the national Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative, an intensive, three-year initiative, led by IMI and funded by the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#).



Five state-based teams - Arizona, California, Kentucky, Michigan, and Washington - were selected from a competitive application process. Each team received technical assistance and guidance from IMI and a dedicated national advisory committee to develop sustainable initiatives to advance midwifery-led models of care for those enrolled in Medicaid. Each team consisted of leaders and innovators from four key groups: state Medicaid agencies, Medicaid health plans, community-based organizations, and provider groups, including midwives of all credentials.



Find out how each team accomplished this, and other great work:

- [Team Kentucky](#)
- [Team Michigan](#)
- [Team Washington](#)
- [Team Arizona](#)
- [Team California](#)

Also, please view a special video highlighting the convening held on June 21, 2024 in Detroit, Michigan.

The 5-minute video (available in Spanish and English subtitles below) features the work and impact of the national Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative.

[National Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative June 2024](#) (Spanish subtitles)

[National Medicaid and Midwifery Learning Collaborative June 2024](#) (English subtitles)

IMI Hits the Road

IMI Leaders are Featured Speakers at Council of State Governments Event

IMI's Director of Operations and Strategic Business Development **Anna Bonelli** delivered remarks on a panel titled "Top Issues in Medicaid 2024: Eligibility, Enrollment and Governance," at the **Council of State Governments (CSG) Medicaid Policy Academy** on August 26 in Washington, D.C. CSG is a nonpartisan association of all state officials, elected and appointed, across all three branches of state government. Anna used insights from IMI's [annual survey](#) and [perinatal policy tracker](#) to highlight important policy topics, such as the integration of behavioral and physical health.

Later in the week, IMI's Founding Executive Director **Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN, FAAN**, participated in **CSG's Medicaid Leadership Academy**. She delivered the keynote address titled, "The Future of Innovation in Medicaid." Jennifer discussed IMI's [annual survey](#) of Medicaid managed care organizations that provides a window into such areas as value-based purchasing/alternative payment models, high-risk care coordination, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports. She reviewed areas within Medicaid that are ripe for innovation in the years ahead and reacted to CMS' comments about their priorities moving forward.

IMI Launches New National Advisory Committee

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation's (IMI) National Advisory Board recently launched the Lived and Living Experience Matters Committee. This new committee has representation from individuals from the community — community-based organizations and community workers — and those with lived experience. Community and equity has long been a strategic priority for IMI since our founding. The Lived and Living Experience Matters Committee amplifies IMI's commitment to ensure those most directly affected by the Medicaid program have a voice in shaping our work. We are pleased to announce the following people are members of the Lived and Living Experience Matters Committee:

- **Sriya Chilla**, *California Children's Trust*
- **Leo Ding**
- **Hillary Edwards, PhD, MPH**, *PATIENTS Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore*
- **Shanita "OABBY" Edwards**, *IMI National Advisory Board*
- **Anne Ekedahl (De Biasi)**, *Health Policy Consultant*
- **Richael Faithful, Esq.**
- **Penelope Lillianna LillieMay Garcia**
- **Tojuana Greenlaw, ADC, NCRSS, PRPS**, *Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield*
- **Sandra G Hassink, MD, MSc**, *IMI National Advisory Board*
- **Alex Seay**
- **Inger Stevenson**
- **Kenya Thornton**
- **Donald Young**

Happy Birthday, Medicaid!

Celebrating Medicaid, the nation's critical health care program

Medicaid turned 59 in July, and we want to keep the celebration going! Established on July 30, 1965, Medicaid is a crucial safety net program that provides health care coverage to millions of low-income Americans, including children, pregnant people, elderly adults, and people with disabilities. In total, it covers more than 75 million Americans, including nearly 40% of all children, more than 40% of all births, and a significant portion of long-term care services for elderly and disabled individuals.

Research indicates that Medicaid coverage leads to improved health outcomes, including better access to care, preventive services, and treatment for chronic conditions. And states with expanded Medicaid programs have seen reductions in uninsured rates, improved access to care, and better health outcomes compared to states that did not expand.

Happy birthday, Medicaid! Working together, we will build a healthier nation.



Check out our Swag and Support IMI!



We recently launched our [first online swag store](#), and attendees at our late June Midwifery Learning Collaborative convening in Detroit got into the action! Through our research, policy, and community-led work, we drive Medicaid policy that provides both physical and behavioral health care for all.

Proceeds support the work we do at the Institute for Medicaid Innovation. Purchasing our merch and making a donation are two of the most powerful ways you can make a difference in the lives of children and families.

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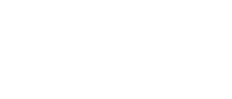


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