



2022 NAMD FALL CONFERENCE

General Agenda November 14- 16, 2022

In-person sessions. Select sessions will be broadcast to a virtual audience.

Washington Hilton Hotel
1919 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Monday, November 14

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Columbia Ballroom

Opening Reception

After a packed State Only Day, help kick off the general session days of the conference during the Opening Reception. Connect with NAMD's sponsors and partners in the sold-out exhibit hall.

Tuesday, November 15

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.
International Ballroom

Opening Remarks

NAMD leadership frames the content, context, and conversation that they hope will unfold during the conference. Join us in welcoming a new Executive Director to NAMD.

- Dianne Hasselman, Interim Executive Director, NAMD
- Kate McEvoy, incoming Executive Director, NAMD
- Allison Taylor, Chair, NAMD Board

9:20 - 10:20 a.m.
International Ballroom

Improving Health Equity, Opportunity and Care for Black Men and Boys

The Confess Project of America is an inspiring model of how to bring the mental health conversation closer to where people live, through trusted community partners. Confess is a mental health barbershop movement that is turning barbers into mental health advocates. A facilitated discussion explores ways to: center on Black men and boys, address long-standing health inequities, and leverage Medicaid's outsized role in covering behavioral health services.

- Moderator: Lynnette Rhodes, JD, Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans Division (GA)
- Lorenzo Lewis, Founder, The Confess Project of America

10:20 - 11:00 am
Columbia Ballroom

Break and transition to breakout sessions

11:00 - 12:00 pm

Strong and Stable Families | Building Bridges in Maternal Health Care

Learn how Medicaid is breaking down silos to better support maternal health in the first session of the Strong and Stable Families Track. This panel will include perspectives from doulas, Title V leaders, and Medicaid leaders about their partnership efforts.

- Moderator: Sarah Fertig, JD, Medicaid Director State of Kansas, Department of Health and Environment
- Terrance Moore, MA, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP)
- Rene Mollow, RN, Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services
- Sayidah Peprah, PsyD, Executive Director, Diversity Uplifts

11:00 - 12:00 pm

System Linkages | Multi-Payer Reform: A Pipedream or Reality?

Multi-payer reform is key to moving the U.S. health care system from volume to value. But multi-payer initiatives have been difficult to operationalize and slow to take hold. This series of mini talks will explore the state of multi-payer reform and Medicaid's role in it, and what it will take to make this ambitious goal a reality across the country.

- Michelle Probert, Director, MaineCare
- Jeff Sanford, Vice President of Finance, Beacon Health
- Robert Saunders, Ph.D., Sr Research Director, Health Care Transformation, Duke-Margolis

11:00 - 12:00 pm

Market Analysis | What Forces are Impacting Medicaid?

Look beyond state Medicaid policy and operational details to see what market drivers are impacting current decision-making and future forecasting. An expert panel interprets labor and economic forces significant to state budgeting, workforce and health care sector spending. The panel will surface questions state agencies should consider and plan for.

- Moderator: Caprice Knapp, Ph.D., Principal, HMA and former Medicaid Director, North Dakota
- Jeanne Batalova, Ph.D., MBA, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute, Migration Policy Institute
- Robert Stewart, Analyst, Congressional Budget Office
- Dan White, MA, Senior Director of Economic Research, Moody's Analytics

11:00 - 12:00 pm

Prescription Drug Spending: What's Coming Next and How Can States Prepare?

Medicaid spending on prescription drugs is expected to grow over the next decade, as new high-cost drugs enter the market. What trends in drug spending should Medicaid leaders expect over the next few decades? How can Medicaid leaders prepare for these new realities, within the parameters of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program? And how might Medicare drug negotiations impact the

broader market? Join Medicaid directors and academic experts to learn more about the future of prescription drug spending and state strategies for controlling prescription drug costs.

- Moderator: Linda Wiant, VP of Client Relations, South East Trans, and former Medicaid Director, Georgia
- Amir Bassiri, MSW, Medicaid Director, New York
- Mariana Socal, MD, Ph.D., Associate Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Jennifer Strohecker, PharmD., Medicaid Director, Utah

12:15 - 1:15 pm
International Ballroom

Networking Lunch

1:15 - 2:15 pm
International Ballroom

What the Health? | Health Journalists Look Past Pandemic

What the health is going on? We've got questions. Julie Rovner convenes a panel of leading health reporters from the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Kaiser Health News to discuss federal health policy and how it reverberates across the states. Their discussion will help discern trends in health care post mid-terms and post-pandemic with a particular eye to impacts on the Medicaid program.

- Emcee: Heidi Capriotti, Public Information Officer, Arizona Medicaid
- Moderator: Julie Rovner, Chief Washington Correspondent, Kaiser Health News
- Stephanie Armour, Reporter, Wall Street Journal
- Sarah Kliff, Reporter, The New York Times
- Rachana Pradhan, Correspondent, Kaiser Health News

2:15 - 2:45 pm
Columbia Ballroom

Refreshment break; transition to breakout sessions

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Strong and Stable Families | An Exploration on Medicaid's Levers to Support Parents and Children

Parents are amongst the most important people in a child's life, and the well-being of parents greatly influence a child's health outcomes. Covering more than one in three children, this session will explore Medicaid's unique role in supporting parents and children and setting them on a path for lifelong health and wellbeing.

- Moderator: Gretchen Hammer, MPH, Founder, Public Leadership Consulting Group and former Medicaid Director, Colorado
- Kellie Crosbie, MSW, LCSW, Chief Quality Officer, State of North Carolina, Department of Health and Human Services
- Sandra Kick, MSPH Director, Office of Medical Benefits Management (Maryland)

2:45 - 3:45 pm

System Linkages | Advancing Health through Housing

Medicaid is leading the nation's charge to bridge health and housing. This session will explore the federal, state, and community vision for this cross-system collaboration. It will also elevate operational insights and lessons learned from the work to date.

- Moderator: Shannon McMahon, MPA, Executive Director, Medicaid Policy, Kaiser Permanente and former Medicaid Director, Maryland
- Elizabeth Adkins, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health
- Judith Cash, Director, State Demonstrations Group, CMCS
- Christy Respress, MSW, Executive Director, Pathways to Housing DC

2:45 - 3:45 pm

Medicaid Essentials| The Engine of the Program

Medicaid is 56 different programs functioning under a single set of federal guidelines. This program variability from state-to-state – including differences in benefits, delivery systems, and administrative structures – is an expression of policymakers' priorities and on-the-ground realities. A combination of contextual insight and deep-dive case study will explore how and why Medicaid programs look so different. Beyond a "101," get insight into the complex web of federal regulations, state priorities, and operational realities that shape Medicaid programs.

- Facilitator: Lauren Moran, MPP, Assoc. Director, Leadership and Capacity Building, Center for Health Care Strategies
- Moira Forbes, Principal Policy Director, MACPAC
- Hannah Maniates, MPH, Policy Analyst, NAMD

3:45 – 4:00 pm
4:00 - 4:20 p.m.

International Ballroom

Transition

What's on Tap from CMCS?

CMCS Director, Dan Tsai outlines the activities and initiatives to expect for Medicaid and CHIP over the next year.

- Daniel Tsai, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

4:20 - 5:00 p.m.

International Ballroom

Meaningful Partnerships: What we Know, and Wish we Knew

The state-federal partnership is critical to a strong Medicaid program and necessary to execute on shared priorities. What does it take to make this partnership work? How has it evolved over the years - and what will it look like going forward? CMCS Director Dan Tsai joins his former Medicaid Director peers to explore these questions and other partnership topics.

- Daniel Tsai, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)
- Judy Mohr Peterson, Ph.D., Med-QUEST Division Administrator, Hawaii
- Tom Wallace, Deputy Secretary, Division of Medicaid, Florida

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Reception

Join fellow Medicaid leaders, colleagues, and top industry partners for a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

Wednesday, November 16

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

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Networking Breakfast (open)

Current and Alumni Medicaid Director Breakfast (closed)

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

International Ballroom

Welcome

Dianne Hasselman, Interim Executive Director, NAMD

State Priorities Working with CMS

- Jenn Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, New Jersey
- Jami Snyder, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- Gui Woolston, Ph.D., Medicaid Director, Connecticut

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

International Ballroom

CMS's Priorities for 2023 | A Message from the Administrator

CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks La-Sure highlights the direction of the agency for the coming year.

- Chiquita Brooks La-Sure, Administrator, CMS

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Columbia Ballroom

Morning break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Strong and Stable Families | Rethinking Teen and Adolescent Behavioral Health

Over the past year, we have seen numerous headlines on the teen and adolescent mental health crisis. How did we get here and where can Medicaid make an impact? Join the last session of the Strong and Stable Families Track, for three expert perspectives on the biggest issues facing teen and adolescent mental health and what we can do about it.

- Moderator: Ben Miller, PsyD, Former President, Well Being Trust
- Cristen Bates, MPH, Director, Office of Medicaid and CHP+ Behavioral Health Initiatives & Coverage, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
- Rhonda Boyd, Ph.D., PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)
- Alyssa Ward, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Clinical Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

System Linkages | Breaking Data Silos: A Case Study in Organizational Partnership

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed many gaps in our health care system, including longstanding silos in health care data. This session will feature an in-depth interview with Medicaid and Health Information Exchange leaders from Arizona who will share their

journey to build a stronger and more successful partnership and how this is impacting the health of Medicaid members in the state.

- Moderator: Sarah Aker, Medicaid Director, South Dakota
- Melissa Kotrys, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Contexture
- Jami Snyder, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Insights from Congress

Hear what's on the minds of Medicaid staff on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Finance Committee as the 117th Congress nears its end.

- Moderator: Catherine Finley, Partner, Thorne Run Partners
- Elizabeth Dervan, Senate Finance Committee
- Stuart Portman, Senate Finance Committee
- Seth Gold, House Energy & Commerce
- Rick Van Buren, House Energy & Commerce

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Medicaid Essentials| Focus on Populations

Medicaid plays an outsized role in providing health coverage and related services for low-income and high-need Americans. The program supports populations with a great breadth and intensity of needs, at an historic volume. This session delves into two high-priority and unique populations – Tribal communities and dually eligible seniors. See how Medicaid adapts and meets challenges to promote access and quality among these populations.

- Facilitator: Mark Larson, SVP Leadership and Capacity Building, Center for Health Care Strategies
- Tom Betlach, Partner, Speire Healthcare Strategies and former Medicaid Director, Arizona
- Juliet Charron, MPH, Medicaid Director, Idaho

11:30– 12:30 p.m.
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Networking Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
International Ballroom

Healing: Building a Better System for Mental Health

Medicaid is the largest payer of behavioral health services in the nation. Despite high costs, outcomes for people with serious mental illness remain dire with high rates of incarceration, homelessness, and medical morbidity. Dr. Insel brings expertise in psychiatry, policy, and technology to suggest how we can better meet the needs of people with serious mental illness. This talk will suggest that we need to shift towards a goal of recovery, by focusing on the “three Ps” – people, place and purpose. Healing requires that the three Ps become part of health care, supported by both public and private insurance.

- Moderator: Jaime “Jim” Diaz-Granadoz, Ph.D., Deputy CEO, American Psychological Association
- Tomas Insel, MD, Former Director, National Institute of Mental Health

1:35 – 2:00 p.m.
International Ballroom
Foyer

Book Signing | Healing Limited copies of Dr. Insel's book are available for in-person and virtual conference attendees. Join the book signing immediately following his talk.