



CSG VIRTUAL POLICY ACADEMY

Medicaid Leadership



THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS | SEPT. 23-25, 2020

Virtual Meeting Agenda

Facilitating Leaders:
Rep. Susan Lontine, Colorado
Rep. Ed Clere, Indiana

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

2–3:30 p.m.

COVID-19 and its Immediate Impact on State Medicaid Programs

The COVID-19 pandemic has been the costliest health event in modern history. Its financial impact on state Medicaid programs will continue to impact state budgets for years to come. National experts and state officials will reflect on how the country responded to the crisis and the policy implications that state officials are now facing.

Speakers:

- Robin Rudowitz, *Vice President and Co-director for the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Kaiser Family Foundation*
- Andrea Bennett, *Senior Director of Public Policy, CVS Health*
- Dr. Courtney Phillips, *Secretary, Louisiana Department of Health*
- Dr. Lee Norman, *Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Noon–1 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch: Finding Flexibility with 1115 Waivers

Section 1115 opens the door for states to modify their state programs through demonstration waivers. This presentation will discuss the demonstration waiver program and examine different approaches by states.

Speakers:

- Dave Richard, *Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Medicaid*
- Sen. Tyler Pace, *Arizona*

2–3:30 p.m.

The Race for a Vaccine

The search for a vaccine and treatment therapies for COVID-19 has taken on an unprecedented intensity. Panelists will share updates on progress on vaccines and treatment therapies, best practices and lessons learned in the race for treatment option to combat the coronavirus.



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Speakers:

- Dr. Rick Nettles, *Vice President of Medical Affairs, Janssen Infectious Diseases*
- Richard Hughes, *Managing Director – Vaccines, Avalere*
- Sharon Lamberton, *Deputy Vice President, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)*

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Noon–1 p.m.

Fiscal Implications and Planning for 2021

Following the COVID-19 pandemic, and as state budgets are reformulated and fiscal consequences appear, policymakers will be faced with critical decisions on short- and long-term planning for state Medicaid programs.

Speakers:

- Stacey Mazer, *Senior Staff Associate, National Association of State Budget Officers*
- Lindsay Browning, *Program Director for Medicaid Programs, National Association of Medicaid Directors*
- Rachel Nuzum, *Vice President for Federal and State Health Policy Initiative, The Commonwealth Fund*

2–3:30 p.m.

Emerging Issue: Maternal Health

Participants will learn about barriers to health care for expecting mothers, about strengthening state Medicaid programs to help mothers access care and how to prevent maternal deaths. What are we learning about the impacts of COVID-19 on pregnancies and expectant mothers?

Speakers:

- Rep. Laura Hall, *Alabama*
- Dr. Tatyana Kushner, MD, MSCE, *Assistant Professor of Medicine – Division of Liver Diseases, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*
- Dr. Mary-Ann Etiebet, *Executive Director, Merck for Mothers*

4–5 p.m.

Closing Roundtable: Leverage Your Learning

This facilitated virtual roundtable will provide participants with the opportunity to debrief on the topics presented at the policy academy, challenges that remain and explore how CSG can be an ongoing resource to health committee chairs and their staff.