



# MEDICAID LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## WASHINGTON, D.C. • SEPT. 14-16, 2022

*All events take place in the Paris Ballroom at the Sofitel Lafayette Square (806 15<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, D.C.) unless otherwise noted.*

### **Wednesday, Sept. 14**

2 – 2:30 p.m.

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Sen. Laura Fine, Illinois
- Sen. Tyler Pace, Arizona

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

#### **Leader Roundtable**

Interactive session with participants on legislative plans for 2023 sessions that could impact Medicaid. Participants will be asked three prompts to share with the group:

1. What are my legislative or policy priorities for 2023?
2. What piece of legislation or policy that I have championed should you ask me about?
3. What am I hoping to learn at this academy?

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

#### **The Fiscal State of State Medicaid Programs**

Experts on Medicaid and state finances discuss Medicaid's impacts on recent state spending and the factors that may drive future spending.

Panelists:

- [Stacey Mazer](#), senior staff associate, National Association of State Budget Officers
- [Robin Rudowitz](#), vice president and director for the Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Kaiser Family Foundation

4:15 – 5 p.m.

#### **Biggest Challenges on the Horizon for Medicaid**

Medicaid experts discuss such topics as what the end of the public health emergency could mean for states and their Medicaid enrollment and coverage.



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Panelists:

- [Lindsey Browning](#), director of Medicaid programming, National Association of Medicaid Directors
- [Jennifer Moore](#), founding executive director, Institute for Medicaid Innovation
- [Jennifer Wagner](#), director of Medicaid eligibility and enrollment, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

5:30 – 7 p.m.

**Opening Reception**

*Location: Hotel Patio (weather permitting) or Opaline Brasserie*

**Thursday, Sept. 15**

8 – 9 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*Location: Opaline Bar*

9 – 10 a.m.

**The Federal Government’s Approach to Medicaid (CMS)**

A senior official from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will discuss the administration’s plans for the Medicaid program and how states can work with the agency to serve recipients. A Q&A will follow the discussion.

Speaker:

- Hannah Katch, senior advisor, Office of the Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

10 – 11 a.m.

**Future of Innovation in Medicaid**

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation is working to improve the lives of Medicaid enrollees through the development of evidence-based models of care that promote quality, value, equity and the engagement of individuals, families and communities. The organization’s founding executive director will discuss which areas within Medicaid are ripe for



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innovation in the years ahead and what CMS and state Medicaid agencies may be signaling about their approaches moving forward.

Speaker:

- Jennifer Moore, founding executive director, Institute for Medicaid Innovation

11 a.m. – Noon

### **NEW Addressing CMS Strategic Priorities**

In a [November 2021 article for the journal Health Affairs](#), officials from CMS outlined three strategic priorities for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP): Coverage and Access, Equity, and Innovation and Whole-person Care. Panelists will discuss state, federal and private sector initiatives aimed at addressing various aspects of these priorities.

Panelists:

- [Samantha Artiga](#), vice president and director for Racial Equity and Health Policy program, Kaiser Family Foundation
- Bonnie Washington, vice president and head of public policy, CVS Health
- Attendees from states with approved [Section 1115 Medicaid waivers](#) are invited to discuss how the waivers have allowed for programmatic innovations to address state priorities and the degree to which state government is providing oversight to ensure the success of those initiatives.
  - Sen. Ruth Hardy, Vermont

Noon – 1 p.m.

### **Lunch**

*Location: Opaline Bar*

1 – 2 p.m.

### **Health Innovation Roundtables**

This interactive session will highlight innovative public-private approaches to improving health care outcomes and state Medicaid program efficiencies and effectiveness.



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Panelists:

- Karen Amstutz, MD, MBA, senior vice president and chief medical officer, AmeriHealth Caritas
- Evan Hoffman, director of state and local government relations, Philips
- Riggs Lewis, system vice president for health policy, Norton Healthcare

2 p.m.

**State Medicaid Directors Expanding Coverage**

State Medicaid directors from the Washington, D.C., region and beyond discuss innovative initiatives to expand coverage in behavioral health and other areas.

Panelists:

- [Melisa Byrd](#), senior deputy director and Medicaid director, Department of Health Care Finance, District of Columbia
- [Alyssa Ward](#), behavioral health clinical director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Nicole Comeaux, division director, New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division
- [Dannette Smith](#), CEO, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Participant Discussion**

Participants will have the opportunity to debrief on the day's sessions and biggest takeaways from the academy so far.

6 p.m.

**Small Group Dinners**

Participants will have their choice of several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.



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## **Friday, Sept. 16**

8 – 9 a.m.

### **Breakfast**

*Location: Opaline Bar*

9 – 10:45 a.m.

### **Future of Long-Term Care**

This session will explore the future of long-term care, highlighting recent investments from the American Rescue Plan Act, challenges facing the direct care workforce and efforts to address the future of nursing homes. The discussion will also feature a focus on the CSG National Interbranch Task Force on Effective and Sustainable Long-Term Care and Policy Guide which brought together executive and legislative branch officials from eight states to identify best practices and non-partisan solutions for all states to consider.

#### Panelists:

- Sean Slone, senior policy analyst, The Council of State Governments
- Priya Chidambaram, senior policy analyst for Program on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Kaiser Family Foundation
- Sen. Art Haywood, Pennsylvania, member of the CSG National Interbranch Task Force on Effective and Sustainable Long-Term Care
- Sen. Tyler Pace, Arizona, member of the CSG National Interbranch Task Force on Effective and Sustainable Long-Term Care
- Sen. Laura Fine, Illinois
- [Damon Terzaghi](#), senior director of long-term services and supports policy, ADvancing States
- Carter Harrison, director of state regulatory and legislative affairs, Alzheimer's Association

10:45 a.m.

### **Concluding Remarks and Onsite Survey**