

SESSION OVERVIEWS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM | Plenary Session

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

Jami Snyder, President of NAMD's Board of Directors, and Matt Salo, Executive Director of NAMD, will welcome everyone to NAMD's Fall 2021 conference. They will discuss Medicaid's leadership role in the nation's response and recovery from the pandemic, and where we are in that journey of recovery. They will outline why the 2021 Fall Conference is focused on four themes: pandemic response, long-term services and supports, behavioral health, and equity.

Speakers:

- **Matt Salo**, Executive Director, NAMD
- **Jami Snyder**, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); NAMD Board President

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The Administration's Vision

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra will outline his vision for HHS and CMS over the next four years, and what this might mean for state partners, Medicaid members, and the Medicaid stakeholder community.

Speaker:

- **The Honorable Xavier Becerra**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

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State Medicaid Reflections on the Administration's Vision

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

NAMD Executive Director, Matt Salo, and Indiana Medicaid Director and NAMD President-Elect, Allison Taylor, will reflect on what the HHS Secretary's vision might mean for state leaders, the state/federal partnership, and the people that Medicaid serves.

Panelists:

- **Matt Salo**, Executive Director, NAMD
- **Allison Taylor**, Medicaid Director, Indiana Family & Social Services Administration; NAMD President-Elect

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Medicaid's Moment to Strengthen and Transform Long-Term Care

Salon D, Ballroom Level

The pandemic, its economic impacts, and the deep racial and ethnic disparities it exposed have highlighted the opportunity — and the urgency — for the nation to strengthen and transform the delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS) to individuals. This session will explore a framework of options that Medicaid leaders can use to advance this work, as well as federal opportunities to support long-term transformation.

Moderator:

- **Lindsey Browning**, Director of Medicaid Programming, NAMD

Panelists:

- **Catherine Ivy**, Deputy Executive Director, Service Administration & Delivery, Georgia Department of Community Health
- **Susan Reinhard, PhD**, Senior Vice President, AARP Public Policy Institute
- **Paul Saucier**, Director, Maine Department of Health & Human Services - Office of Aging & Disability Services

Thought Provoking Talks: How Can We Meet the Moment in Mental Health and Addiction

Salon E, Ballroom Level

Demand for mental health and addiction treatment is skyrocketing, and states and communities are struggling to ensure there is sufficient provider capacity to deliver care. This series of mini talks will explore provocative concepts and ideas from national and state thought leaders on how the nation and Medicaid programs can respond.

Moderator:

- **Matt Salo**, Executive Director, NAMD

Panelists:

- **Cynthia Beane**, Commissioner, West Virginia Medicaid - Bureau for Medical Services
- **Joseph Parks, MD**, Medical Director, National Council on Mental Wellbeing
- **Vikki Wachino**, Principal, Viaduct Consulting, LLC
- **Jack Westfall, MD, MPH**, Director, Robert Graham Center

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Medicaid's Role in Protecting Children from COVID-19

River Birch Ballroom, Meeting Room Level

Medicaid and CHIP are primary sources of coverage for the nation's children. As we anticipate authorization for COVID-19 vaccines for the under-12 population, state and federal leaders are actively developing strategies to ensure the nation's children are protected from COVID. This session will explore what we've learned about vaccine hesitancy, ensuring equitable distribution, and how these lessons will be applied to the pediatric population.

Moderator:

- **J.T. Lane, MPH**, Senior Vice President, Population Health & Innovation, Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

Panelists:

- **Jacey Cooper**, Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services
- **Rohan Radhakrishna, MD, MPH, MS**, Deputy Director - Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Plenary Session

Equity and the Member Voice

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

This session will feature Dr. Jamila Michener with a call to action for state Medicaid leaders and partners to advance health equity in their programs and to center Medicaid member voices in this work.

Keynote:

- **Jamila Michener, MA, PhD**, Associate Professor of Government & Public Policy, Cornell University

Panelists:

- **Eric Friedlander**, Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Human Services
- **Lisa Lee**, Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services

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Building a Person-Centered Crisis Continuum

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There is a national effort underway to strengthen and expand the behavioral health crisis continuum. Medicaid, as the largest payer of behavioral health services, has a unique role in this work. This session will explore how state Medicaid leaders can advance equitable, person-centered crisis services that meet people where they are and connect them to the care they need.

Moderator:

- **Tom Belfach**, Partner, Speire Healthcare Strategies, LLC; former Arizona Medicaid Director

Panelists:

- **William Halsey, LCSW, MBA**, Interim Medicaid Director, Connecticut Department of Social Services
- **Jason McGill**, Assistant Director, Washington State Health Care Authority
- **Jeff Vanderploeg, PhD**, President and CEO, Child Health & Development Institute

Improving Maternal Health Equity and Outcomes

Salon E, Ballroom Level

Medicaid pays for nearly half of all births in the U.S., which means that Medicaid programs have a unique opportunity and a unique responsibility to address the alarming rise in maternal mortality, particularly among women of color. This session will explore the levers that Medicaid programs can use to address equity gaps in maternal health and improve outcomes.

Moderator:

- **Laurie Zephyrin, MD**, Vice President, Advancing Health Equity, The Commonwealth Fund

Panelists:

- **Joia Crear-Perry, MD**, Founder and President, National Birth Equity Collaborative
- **Karen Kimsey**, Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
- **Lynnette Rhodes**, Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans, Georgia Department of Community Health

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Expert Perspective: A 21st Century Child Wellbeing System – Child Welfare Reform and Medicaid Salon F, Ballroom Level

This session will feature an interview with Frank Alexander, a national expert on child and family wellbeing and the child welfare system. Frank will share his vision for a transformed approach to supporting children and families and how we can shift the focus of our national public programs, including child welfare and Medicaid, from a crisis response and intervention approach to a strengthening communities and families approach.

Moderator:

- **Gretchen Hammer**, Senior Strategic Advisor, NAMD; Public Leadership Group

Panelist:

- **Frank Alexander**, Vice President, Systems Transformation & Collaborative Ventures, Abt Associates

Leveraging the Opportunities to Transform HCBS

River Birch Ballroom, Meeting Room Level

This session will be an operationally focused discussion that will explore key tactics and approaches states are using to implement the new HCBS investments made available under the American Rescue Plan. We will take a granular look at operationalizing investments in housing, addressing homelessness, school-based services, and other innovative approaches to using these federal funds.

Moderator:

- **Damon Terzaghi**, Senior Director, ADvancing States

Panelists:

- **Curtis Cunningham**, Assistant Administrator for Benefits & Service Delivery, State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- **Dana Hittle**, Interim Medicaid Director, Oregon Health Authority
- **Henry Lipman**, Medicaid Director, New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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Should Medicaid Pay For It All? Where to Draw the Line on Social Determinants

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

Join Dan Gorenstein and the team from the Tradeoffs podcast as they explore Medicaid's role in addressing the social determinants of health. Medicaid has been an innovator in ensuring that beneficiaries' housing, food security, and other social needs are being met and doing so can make good financial sense in addition to being good public policy. But where does Medicaid's responsibility end and an obligation from other payers begin? Where should the ultimate responsibility lie?

Speakers:

- **Dan Gorenstein**, Executive Producer, *Tradeoffs: A Health Policy Podcast*
- **Paula Lantz, PhD**, James B. Hudak Professor of Health Policy, University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy
- **Pooja Mehta**, Women's Health lead, Cityblock Health

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Concurrent Breakouts

Managed Care Strategies to Advance Health Equity

Salon D, Ballroom Level

Many states are exploring how they can partner with their health plans to advance equity. This session will feature three directors sharing how their states are incorporating new expectations for their plans to advance health equity.

Moderator:

- **Heather Howard**, Director, State Health & Value Strategies (SHVS)

Panelists:

- **Amanda Cassel Kraft**, Assistant Secretary, MassHealth, Massachusetts Executive Office of Health & Human Services, Office of Medicaid
- **Cynthia MacDonald**, Assistant Commissioner and Medicaid Director, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- **Dave Richard**, Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Medicaid, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services

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Expert Perspective: Recovery and Resilience in Mental Health and Addiction

Salon E, Ballroom Level

This session will feature an interview with Vic Vela, weekend host and reporter for Colorado Public Radio and host of the podcast, *Back from Broken*. Vic will share his story of recovery and resilience from a crippling addiction and offer insight for how Medicaid leaders, providers, and community partners can support others on their recovery journey. After interviewing Vic, Neerja Singh will share how Medicaid programs, like Minnesota's, are supporting recovery and resilience for people who live with addiction and mental health conditions.

Moderator:

- **Neerja Singh**, Behavioral Health Clinical Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Panelists:

- **Vic Vela**, Colorado Public Radio News and Podcast Host, Host of *Back from Broken*, A Recovery Podcast

Unwinding from the Public Health Emergency

Salon F, Ballroom Level

How have states been thinking about and planning for the end of the public health emergency (PHE)? This session will feature Medicaid leaders representing three different vantage points within their state agency: communications, finance, and policy. They will share the strategic, operational, and practical realities of how they are preparing for the end of the PHE.

Moderator:

- **Beth Kidder**, Managing Principal, Health Management Associates; former Florida Medicaid Director

Panelists:

- **Jim Jones**, Medicaid Director, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- **Rachel Reiter**, Deputy Office Director, Policy, Communications & Administration, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
- **Colby Schaeffer**, Chief Actuary, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

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Translating the Vision into Action: CMCS Priorities for 2021 and Beyond

Potomac Ballroom, Ballroom Level

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Dan Tsai, Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS), will outline how CMS is advancing the Administration's vision for Medicaid, including advancing equity, access to care, and promoting whole-person health.

Speaker:

- **Chiquita Brooks-LaSure**, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- **Daniel Tsai**, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services