

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

WASHINGTON HILTON + VIRTUALLY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00AM - 9:20AM PLENARY SESSION

International Ballroom Center, Concourse Level

» Opening Remarks

Join NAMD's executive director and board president as they welcome attendees to NAMD's 2023 Fall Conference. They will discuss the theme and focus of the conference.

Cynthia Beane, National Association of Medicaid Directors' Board President; Commissioner, Bureau for Medical Services, West Virginia Medicaid †

Kate McEvoy, Esq., Executive Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)

9:20AM - 10:30AM PLENARY SESSION

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» Progress, Priorities and Pivots at the Midpoint of Unwinding

This panel of state and federal Medicaid leaders and community partners will explore how we are leading the work of unwinding. We will discuss challenges and road bumps, and where Medicaid partners can support success in the second half of the work.

MODERATOR:

Kate McEvoy, Esq., Executive Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)

PANELISTS:

Joan Alker, Executive Director & Research Professor, Georgetown University Center for Children & Family

Lisa Lee, Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services †

Lynnette Rhodes, Esq., Executive Director, Georgia Department of Community Health †

Daniel Tsai, Deputy Administrator, Center Director, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

11:00AM - 12:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

» Building a Trustworthy Healthcare System for Pregnant and Birthing People

It will be a long and arduous process to reconcile how our healthcare system created vast disparities in maternal health. Black and American Indian/Alaskan Native women experience pregnancy-related deaths at a rate two to three times higher than White, Hispanic, and Asian/Pacific Islander women. It is not surprising that many pregnant and birthing Black and Indigenous people do not find the healthcare system to be trustworthy. This session seeks to unpack why there is that lack of trust in the healthcare system, and it will highlight strategies Medicaid is taking and our partners can take to build a trustworthy healthcare system.

MODERATOR:

Beth Tinker, PhD, RN, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Washington State Health Care Authority

PANELISTS:

Brooke Greenky, Maternal Child Health Team Lead, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Pia Long, Reproductive Justice Full Spectrum Doula & Community Organizer, Elephant Circle

Susanna Snyder, Child & Family Health Division Director, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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

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» Medicaid's Role in the Crisis Continuum

The nation's three-digit crisis line, 988, has been in place for over a year, and federal and state leaders continue to build out the continuum of crisis services to deliver on the promise of 988: ensuring that all people have someone to call, someone to respond, and someplace to go. This session will explore Medicaid's role in this work, and where there are opportunities for new and strengthened partnerships across the health care system.

MODERATOR:

Leslie Hoffmann, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services

PANELISTS:

Laurie Hintz, Policy Analyst & Project Manager, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

John Palmieri, MD, Deputy Director 988 & Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

David Welsh, Deputy Administrator, Idaho Medicaid

11:00AM - 12:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION

Lincoln, Concourse Level

» Strategies for Strengthening Your Medicaid Partnership

Trying to strengthen your partnership with the Medicaid agency? In this session, the "unwinding" serves as dynamic case study for partnership—demonstrating opportunities to better align, leverage and strengthen even long-standing partnerships. Join us for candid insights from these pairs of partners.

MODERATOR:

Marie Zimmerman, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, UCare; Former Medicaid Director, Minnesota

PANELISTS:

Dianna Berry, Attorney, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc.

Ryan Moran, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Healthcare Financing & Medicaid Director, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene †

Traylor Rains, JD, Medicaid Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority †

Jai Seunarine, Chief Executive Officer, Jai Medical Systems

11:00AM - 12:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION

Monroe, Concourse Level

» Effectively Telling the Medicaid Story

While the impact of Medicaid is ultimately a story of lives touched, it is also a story of impact at scale for millions. There are robust data resources available to help. Join us to learn more about these sources and how they can help communicate the value of Medicaid.

MODERATOR:

Michele Ames, Director of Communications, National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)

PANELISTS:

Karen Llanos, Director, Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

Chris Park, Acting Policy Director & Data Analytics Advisor, Medicaid & CHIP Payment & Access Commission (MACPAC)

Jennifer Tolbert, Director of State Health Reform, Kaiser Family Foundation

† Medicaid Director

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1:30PM - 2:00PM PLENARY SESSION *International Ballroom Center, Concourse Level*

» **5th Annual NAMD Spotlight Awards**

MODERATOR:

Dinorah Collazo-Ortiz, Esq., Program Executive Director, Puerto Rico Medicaid Program †

2:00PM - 3:00PM PLENARY SESSION *International Ballroom Center, Concourse Level*

» **How We Can Better Support Youth Health and Wellbeing**

Medicaid Directors are deeply engaged in efforts to better understand and address the numerous barriers facing youth covered by Medicaid, particularly individuals seeking behavioral health services. In this session, we'll hear directly from youth and youth advocates about what they need to thrive in the world, and how policy makers can partner with youth to support their health and wellbeing.

MODERATOR:

Martha Sanchez, Director of Health Policy & Advocacy, Young Invincibles

PANELISTS:

Teran Carter, Youth Advocate, Young Invincibles, Ohio

Emmanuel "Manny" Coleman, Youth Advocate, ND4Y Changemaker, Maryland

Marco Lima, Youth Advocate, ND4Y Changemaker, Rhode Island

Jasmine Wildcat, Student Activist, ND4Y Changemaker, Wyoming

3:45PM - 4:45PM BREAKOUT SESSION *International Ballroom West, Concourse Level*

» **Changing the Quality and Access Paradigm in Long-Term Care**

Forces are converging that could fundamentally reshape long-term services and supports in the United States, and Medicaid programs are at the forefront of this transformation. More consumers prefer home and community-based options than ever before. Workforce pressures are growing. The role of technology in American life is changing. In the face of these forces, this session will surface big, bold ideas for how Medicaid—and the nation—can lead in the midst of a changing quality and access paradigm in LTSS.

MODERATOR:

Mary Sowers, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)

PANELISTS:

Jennifer Bowdoin, PhD, Director, Division of Community Systems Transformation, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Valerie Huhn, Director, Missouri Department of Mental Health

Liz Weintraub, Senior Advocacy Specialist, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

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» Reducing Fragmentation in the Postpartum Period

Today, more than thirty-five states and the District of Columbia received federal approval to cover a person up to one year postpartum, which means a new opportunity for Medicaid to address fragmentation in the postpartum period. For instance, new moms must transition from postpartum care to primary care, navigate pediatric care for their child, and connect with other specialty health care needs (e.g., behavioral health). In addition to navigating health care needs, new moms must also meet the new demands of parenthood, including navigating additional social needs. This session will explore how Medicaid programs are identifying strategies to reduce this fragmentation, whether it's through leveraging managed care organizations, community health workers, or covering dyadic care.

MODERATOR:

Fatmata Williams, Director of Medical Administration, Connecticut Department of Social Services

PANELISTS:

Palav Babaria, MD, Chief Quality Officer & Deputy Director of Quality & Population Health Management, California Department of Health Care Services

Nyree Essence Orleana Modisette, Policy Developer, Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning

Cheryl Roberts, JD, Agency Director, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services †

3:45PM - 4:45PM BREAKOUT SESSION

Lincoln, Concourse Level

» Supporting Individuals Leaving Jail and Prison: Medicaid's Changing Role in the Reentry Process

Earlier this year, CMS made headlines when they approved the first Section 1115 waiver to allow Medicaid coverage of people who are incarcerated. With over a dozen states applying for similar waivers, Medicaid has the opportunity to make real differences in the re-entry process by ensuring access to case management, prescriptions, and health care. But waiver approval is just the first step: implementing pre-release Medicaid coverage will require states to form partnerships with jails and prisons, create new data systems, and build out networks of providers. Join us to learn more about how Medicaid can support people who are transitioning out of incarceration.

MODERATOR:

Vikki Wachino, Executive Director, Health & Reentry Project

PANELISTS:

Jacey Cooper, Medicaid Director & Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services †

DeAnna Hoskins, President & Chief Executive Officer, JustLeadershipUSA

Jennifer Strohecker, PharmD, Director of the Division of Integrated Healthcare & Medicaid Director, Utah Department of Health & Human Services †

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» **Day Two Remarks**

Kate McEvoy, Esq., Executive Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMDC)

9:15AM - 10:00AM PLENARY SESSION

International Ballroom Center, Concourse Level

» **How Medicaid Can Prepare for Shifts in the Broader Ecosystem**

Medicaid exists within a broader ecosystem of the U.S. health care landscape, global economy, political landscape and demographic trends. What is happening in this broader ecosystem has a direct impact on how Medicaid delivers care to millions of people. This panel discussion will explore how this broader ecosystem is evolving and what Medicaid programs and partners can do to prepare and respond.

MODERATOR:

Heather Howard, Director, State Health & Value Strategies

PANELISTS:

Dante DeAntonio, PhD, Senior Director of Economic Research, Moody's Analytics

Jocelyn Kiley, Associate Director of Research, Pew Research Center

Joshua Sharfstein, MD, Professor of the Practice in Health Policy & Management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

10:30AM - 11:30AM BREAKOUT SESSION

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

» **Using the Unwinding to Advance Once-in-a-Generation Changes in Eligibility and Enrollment**

The Medicaid redetermination process—often referred to as the “unwinding”—represents a time of immense change for the program. Medicaid leaders have used a range of strategies to prepare for the unwinding and to address emerging challenges, including making historic investments in outreach, using federal waivers to streamline eligibility processes, and building stronger partnerships across agencies and with community-based organizations. What are these innovations teaching us about eligibility and enrollment policy? Join us to hear from Medicaid and SNAP leaders about how these learnings can be used to drive improvements in the Medicaid program for decades to come.

MODERATOR:

Melisa Byrd, Senior Deputy Director & Medicaid Director, District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance †

PANELISTS:

Tara LeBlanc, Former Medicaid Director, Louisiana

Lisa Sbrana, Director, Division of Eligibility & Marketplace Integration, New York State Department of Health

Melissa Wolf, Deputy Director, Missouri Family Support Division

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» A System-Wide Approach to Move Upstream in Children's Behavioral Health

In recent years, we've seen alarming rates of children and youth who are experiencing crisis. While exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, existing trends indicate that there has been a steady increase in children's behavioral health needs. As a nation, we've coalesced to address the acute behavioral health needs of children and youth, yet still need to execute effective strategies that move upstream and support the wellbeing of children in their communities. This session will explore Illinois' multisystem effort to move upstream in children's behavioral health. We'll hear from representatives in Illinois' Medicaid, Education, and Governor's office, along with a community/parent liaison and expert from the University of Chicago in this session.

MODERATOR:

Ryan Van Ramshorst, MD, Chief Medical Director, Medicaid/CHIP Services, Texas Health & Human Services Commission

PANELISTS:

Regina Crider, Senior Policy Analyst, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

Kristine Herman, Bureau Chief, Behavioral Health, Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services

Barbara Moore, State Director of Special Education, Illinois State Board of Education

Dana Weiner, PhD, Chief Officer for Children's Behavioral Health Transformation, Office of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker

10:30AM - 11:30AM BREAKOUT SESSION

Lincoln, Concourse Level

» Strengthening the Long-Term Care Workforce

Medicaid, aging, and disability programs are struggling to meet the growing need for home- and community-based options in the face of persistent workforce shortages. This session will explore this existential threat facing Medicaid LTSS and what can be done about it. It will explore these issues through the lens of direct care workers' lived expertise, as well as from the state policy maker lens.

MODERATOR:

Martha Roherty, Executive Director, ADvancing States

PANELISTS:

Clair Benitez, Director, Office of Disability Services Coordination, Texas Health & Human Services Commission

Sarah Cannon, Senior Direct Support Professional, LEL Home Services; Member, Indiana Direct Service Worker Advisory Board

Leticia Palau-Armeria, Program Coordinator, Just Friends Adult Day Services; Member, Indiana Direct Service Worker Advisory Board

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» **NAMD Alumni Network: Insights, Experience and Connection** *(Closed Session)*

Former Medicaid Directors are invited to join a closed session of the NAMD Alumni Network. Build peer connections and explore the range of professional paths built post-state service. Whether you are newly transitioned or a seasoned alum, there is community here for you.

MODERATOR:

Jami Snyder, Owner, JSN Strategies, LLC; Former Medicaid Director, Arizona

PANELISTS:

Toby Douglas, Senior Vice President of Medicaid, Kaiser Permanente; Former Medicaid Director, California

Tracy Johnson, President, Health Policy Solutions; Former Medicaid Director, Colorado

Stephanie Muth, Commissioner, Department of Family & Protective Services; Former Medicaid Director, Texas

11:45AM - 12:45PM PLENARY SESSION

International Ballroom Center, Concourse Level

» **CMS and Medicaid Agencies Share Vision for 2024**

The closing plenary will feature CMS leadership in dialogue with NAMD on the vision for the Medicaid program and the federal/state partnership.

Cynthia Beane, National Association of Medicaid Directors' Board President; Commissioner, Bureau for Medical Services, West Virginia Medicaid †

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

12:45PM

CLOSING REMARKS

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Kate McEvoy, Esq., Executive Director, National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD)