State Opportunities in Health Reform

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• 22 year old non-profit, non-partisan organization

• Academy members
  – Peer-selected group of state health policy leaders
  – Commitment to identifying state needs and guiding our work

• Working together across states, branches, and agencies to advance, accelerate, and implement workable policy solutions that address major health issues
Outline

I. States’ Current Roles
II. Challenges for States in Implementing Health Reform
III. Opportunities for States in Implementing Health Reform
IV. You Have an Important Role
V. NASHP Resources Can Help

States’ Current Roles

• Define populations to serve
• Link residents to available services
• Determine benefits and design delivery systems for targeted populations
• Purchase healthcare services
• Deliver services to institutional residents
• Promote population health
• Promote system-wide improvement
• Educate and train healthcare professionals
• Protect consumers
• Finance
• Regulate
• Employ
• Establish legal framework
• Coordinate with related programs
Health Reform: State Challenges

- Leadership
- Timing
- Resources
- Capacity

Health Reform: State Opportunities

- Connect people to needed services
- Promote coordination and integration in the health system
- Improve care for populations with complex needs
- Orient the health system toward results
- Increase health system efficiencies
Connect People to Services

- Coverage based on income and not family status
  - Medicaid
  - CHIP
  - Exchanges
  - State Basic Health Plan

Promote Coordination and Integration

- Streamlined enrollment and retention in programs
- Improved continuity of care across programs as income changes
- New authority to align Medicaid and Medicare
Improve Care for Complex Needs

• Expansion of patient-centered medical homes
• Improved access to home and community-based services

Orient the Health System toward Results

• Payment reform demonstrations
• Quality improvement incentives
• Investments in primary care and prevention
Increase Efficiency

• Coordination between Medicaid & Medicare
• Opportunities to allocate resources to higher-value care
• System-wide planning across agencies and programs

You Have an Important Role

• State experience and expertise is needed more than ever.
• State-specific knowledge is extraordinarily valuable.
• Take risks, share information, allow for mid-course corrections
NASHP Resources Can Help

• Publications
  – A State Policymakers’ Guide to Federal Health Reform – Part I: Anticipating How Federal Health Reform will Affect State Roles
  – State Policymakers’ Priorities for Improving the Health System
  – Supporting State Policymakers’ Implementation of Federal Health Reform

• More tools and resources in development: www.nashp.org