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This report analyzes how states have used Medicaid section 1115 waivers to cover health-related social need services and supports for pregnant and postpartum individuals and children. As of June 2024, fifteen states have approved or are in the approval process for section 1115 waiver requests to cover housing services for pregnant or postpartum individuals and young children that meet eligibility criteria (approved: AZ, AR, MA, NC, NJ, NY, OR, WA; pending approval: CA, CT, HI, IL, PA, RI, VT). Eleven states have approval or are in the approval process to provide nutrition supports for pregnant and postpartum individuals or young children that qualify (approved: DE, MA, NC, NJ, NY, OR, WA; pending approval: HI, IL, NM, PA).

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This brief summarizes the new state requirements for reporting a subset of the Child and Adult Core



- Creating standardized enrollment, eligibility, scope of benefits and payment for providers across all states; and
- Increasing Medicaid payment rates so that they are comparable to Medicare payment rates.

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This brief explains how payers can incorporate health equity into their Medicaid value-based payment models. Key recommendations for incorporating health equity include:

- Engaging community members in model design;
- Embedding health equity in the model requirements;
- Creating performance-based payments for reducing health disparities;
- Prioritizing safety net provider participation;
- Collaborating with plans and providers to create a data strategy; and
- Exploring adjusting for social risk factors; and providing technical assistance.

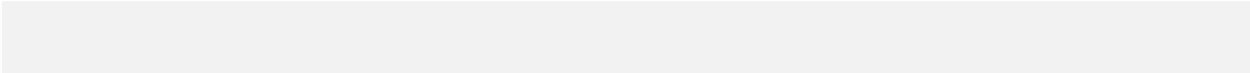
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This article discusses the importance of Medicaid reimbursement in neonatal-perinatal medicine and how the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's recent policy recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement would promote the retention of neonatologists. NASEM recommended that pediatric subspecialists should receive enhanced reimbursement through high work-relative value units which account for the time and detail needed to provide care.



and care transitions for youth who were incarcerated. By January 2025, all states must cover screening or diagnostic services that are deemed "medically necessary" thirty days prior to release, implement targeted case management (i.e. development of a care plan and create updated enrollment guidelines), and follow updated enrollment guidelines.





- Strengthens standards for timely delivery of care;
- Enhances quality, fiscal and program integrity for state directed payments;
- Specifies the scope of



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This podcast series focuses on the Kickstarting Innovative Demonstrations Supporting (KIDS) Health Act ([H.R 3805](#) ; [S.R 1769](#)), a bipartisan and bicameral bill that would establish a holistic approach to children's health care by integrating mental and physical health for children who are eligible for Medicaid/CHIP. This podcast series features the House and Senate co-sponsors Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Congressman/Dr. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX), Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), and Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK).

Laura Conrad, MSW, Megan Lee, MA, LP, and Zainab Okolo, MA, PhD

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This blog post discusses the benefits of school-based mental health programs, the barriers that schools face as they implement school-based mental health programs, and opportunities to