Summary: The Task Force explores a variety of issues and opportunities state policymakers face as they reform their own health system. The programming and roundtable discussion highlights state innovations and provides an opportunity for members to share their ideas.

Presiding: Delegate Dan Morhaim, Maryland, Task Force Co-Chair
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Noon-1:30 p.m.  What is Happening with Health Insurance Now?
Empress Room  (Joint program with NCSL’s Task Force on Insurance)
With health exchanges and employers nationwide wrapping up open enrollment and looking toward 2018 options, and renewed interest in selling insurance across state lines, what can states do to make sense of the health insurance market? How does state outreach and marketing and subsidized coverage or broader redesign fit in?

1:45-3:15 p.m.  Drug Effectiveness and SMART-D Alternative Payments
Viceroy Room  Innovative drugs are being introduced at an accelerating pace. At the same time, the high prices of the new therapies pose a challenge for all health care payers’ budgets, especially state Medicaid programs. This program will explore alternative payment models for drug purchasing in Medicaid.

  • Panelist: Rhonda Driver Anderson, director of pharmacy, Center For Evidence-Based Policy, Oregon
  • Panelist: Peter Juhn, M.D., vice-president for value and access, Amgen Inc., California
  • Respondent: Lindsey Browning, program director for Medicaid operations, National Association of Medicaid Directors, Washington, D.C.

3:15 - 5 p.m.  Round Table Discussion
Viceroy Room  Task Force members and sponsors will have the opportunity to engage in a group discussion and share state innovations related to state employee health insurance, telehealth and other topics brought up by members.

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