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**NATIONAL POLICY**

In an article in The Washington Post, **Disability Scoop, 3/29/23**

"California’s Medicaid programs are facing a critical moment as the federal government unwinds the Affordable Care Act’s expanded coverage. This presents a unique opportunity to improve care for children and youth with special health care needs by seizing on the momentum created by recent policy changes and advancing new ideas that have emerged in recent years.

Read more and register.

A Successful Experiment: Engaging Family Partners in Continuing Medical Education

Manatt, a Los Angeles-based law firm, has conducted a successful experiment to engage family partners in continuing medical education. The firm partnered with the California Health Care Foundation to conduct the first-ever training for family partners on how to best engage with health care providers and advocate for their loved ones. The program has since been replicated in other states, and is now available online.

Read the report and the appendices.

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How Are State Medicaid Programs Approaching the Unwinding of the Federal Enhanced Eligibility

Disability Scoop, 4/3/23

The Biden administration is winding down the federal enhanced eligibility expansion of Medicaid. This expansion allowed states to extend health coverage to certain groups, including children with disabilities. As coverage is phased out, states are facing a range of political, budgetary, and programmatic challenges. This article examines how states are approaching the unwinding of this program and what implications it may have for children with special health care needs.

Read more.

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