

Position Title: Women's Health Policy and Research Fellow

Position Information: Part-Time, Full-Time

Duration of Fellowship: Flexible

Location: Flexible - Washington, D.C.

Job Description

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) is seeking a women's health policy and research fellow to lead and provide support on projects related to the health of all women, Medicaid managed care, and health disparities. The successful candidate will work closely with the Institute staff and the national women's health subcommittee on one or more of the following priority areas:

Data & Research

- Comparison of cost of treatment versus prevention.
- Understanding the effect of access to care for women across their lifespan, including preconception, interconception, and transitions of care (churn).
- Development of national standardized maternity care quality measures.

Policy

- Ensuring access to Medicaid preventive care and the full range of reproductive health services.
- Development of women's medical home model (i.e., integration of medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and resources that address social determinants of health)
- Reducing restrictions on access to safety net providers (e.g. safety net hospitals, Planned Parenthood, certified nurse-midwives/certified midwives, home health nurses).

Clinical Practice

- Ensuring access and coverage to long-term behavioral health prevention, resilience, and treatment programs.
- Ensuring access and coverage to medication assisted treatment programs that are non-punitive and family friendly.
- Ensuring access and coverage to all contraception and sterilization options.
- Ensuring access to care for women of all ages, all races and ethnic identities, all cultures, cis- and transgendered women, and women of all sexual orientations.

Health System and Payment Reform

- Identifying gaps in evidence-based, data-driven maternity care and overused and underused maternity care practices.
- Alternative, value-based payment models for high quality, evidence-based maternity care.

This position offers an excellent opportunity to be a part of an organization focused on uniting key stakeholders to perform research analyses, develop quality improvement initiatives, and provide education and training that demonstrate the impact of Medicaid managed care on access to quality care for vulnerable populations in the U.S. Successful candidates have an opportunity to create an experience around their clinical, research, and policy interests in Medicaid with the support of Institute staff. The position requires excellent verbal, written, computer, organizational, and interpersonal skills. Successful candidates must be self-motivated and able to work both independently and in small groups.

The Women's Health Policy and Research Fellow will be responsible for performing research-related activities that intersect clinical practice, health services research, and health policy. The responsibilities of the fellow include:

- Conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis of select Medicaid managed care and health services research data sources, including presentation of findings in a variety of formats;
- Undertaking research that will be used to develop policy briefs/fact sheets to advance policy priorities and operational support for member plans;
- Participating in national policy briefings and engaging with leading policymakers;
- Collaborating with think tanks and research organizations conducting research projects on Medicaid managed care;
- Questionnaire development, testing, database development/cleaning, and analysis.
- Conducting qualitative interviews with women enrolled in Medicaid, managed care executives, and clinical leaders at health plans.
- Researching issues of particular interest to clinical and research staff as Medicaid managed care plans; and,
- Communicating effectively and on a frequent basis with colleagues and members.

Applicant Requirements

We offer two fellowship levels, junior and senior. To be eligible for the junior fellowship, applicants must be currently enrolled in and near completion of a Doctoral program in health services research, health policy (e.g., public health, economics), or a health-related research field (e.g., medicine, nursing, social work, etc.). To be eligible for the senior fellowship, applicants should possess a Doctoral degree with a concentration in a health-related field who are currently at the postdoctoral or junior faculty status. In addition, applicants should possess and be able to demonstrate a fundamental understanding of research, statistics, and scientific terminology and an ability to communicate information orally and in writing.

Application Procedures

To apply, e-mail a cover letter, CV, two recent writing samples, three letters of recommendation, and a one-page word document highlighting your goals for participation in the fellowship and your research interest within the Medicaid population to Jennifer Moore at JMoore@medicaidinnovation.org. Please use the subject line "Women's Health Policy & Research Fellow Application." Your letters of recommendations should be sent from the individual directly to Dr. Moore at JMoore@MedicaidInnovation.org.

Deadline

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation is a 501(c)3 entity dedicated to generating and disseminating evidence that demonstrates the impact of Medicaid managed care on access to quality care for vulnerable populations in the U.S. The Institute moves beyond the current healthcare delivery system focused on the measurement of quality outcomes by understanding how core community services address social issues and inequalities that builds a culture of health to improve care and outcomes. We provide innovative solutions that address important clinical, research, and policy issues in Medicaid through multi-stakeholder engagement, research, data analysis, education, quality improvement initiatives, and dissemination/implementation activities. The Institute has taken on the ambitious agenda to identify what works well in Medicaid and to also identify areas that need improvement. Through the work of the Institute, it is our goal to inform and enhance the Medicaid program.