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Presentation Referenced Resources:

• Behavioral Health Workforce Data

- HRSA's National Center for Health Workforce Analysis Projections Tool: Access state and national projections for supply and demand of health care workers, analyze trends by discipline, and test "what if?" scenarios to understand how policy or system changes could impact the future workforce.
- In 2024 Utah Legislature passed <u>SB26</u>, based on the Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR) review of behavioral health licensure (report <u>here</u>). The legislation does many things, but chiefly increases access to behavioral health occupations and services.

Interstate Compact legislation in 2025

- Alabama (<u>AL S 61</u>), Kansas (<u>KS H 2069</u>), <u>Nebraska (NE L 84</u>) and Georgia (<u>GA H 81</u>) enacted legislation to enter the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact.
- Legislation establishing <u>Social Work Licensure compacts</u> have been enacted in Arkansas (<u>AR H 1712</u>), Maryland (<u>MD S 174</u>), Mississippi (<u>MS S 2727</u>), New Jersey (<u>NJ A 2813</u>), North Dakota (<u>ND H 1035</u>), Oklahoma (OK H 2261),

Medicaid-Funded Workforce Strategies

- New York's 1115 Waiver
- Florida's waiver request

Technology

- Artificial Intelligence <u>Article</u> on state-level AI legislation introduced in 2025 and <u>tracker</u> on federal and state legislative action.
- Digital Therapeutics
 - Peterson Health Technology Institute, Health Technology Assessment <u>Virtual Solutions for</u>
 Depression and Anxiety
 - New HCPCS Codes:
 - G0552: Covers the supply, delivery, and patient instruction of the DMHT.

- G0553: Covers the first 20 minutes of monthly management services (e.g., reviewing data from the device).
- G0554: Covers each additional 20 minutes of monthly management services directly related to the patient's therapeutic use of the device.

o Telehealth

- Telehealth State Policy Trends
- State Telehealth Laws and Medicaid Program Policies
- NASHP Blog: AI in Healthcare: Charting a Path Forward for States

SUD Workforce

- o Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee
- Indiana's <u>settlement plan</u> allocated \$25M to matching local initiatives, funding projects like hiring peer recovery and treatment coordinators, expanding recovery housing and transportation, and providing evidence-based curricula in correctional facilities.
- New Jersey's <u>2023 Annual Opioid Abatement Report</u> committed \$17.5M of settlement funds in 2023 to expanding operations at peer recovery centers.
- The <u>Massachusetts Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council</u>' committed \$15M to strengthening workforce effort with a significant investment in the Substance Use Treatment Provider Loan Repayment Initiative.
- Indiana is <u>covering training and certification costs</u> to ensure greater access to recovery-oriented care statewide.

Behavioral Health Microcredentials

- o Colorado
- o Florida

State Workforce Plans

- o Colorado
- o Utah
- o Washington

Select NASHP Resources:

• Health Care Workforce

- Trends in State Strategies to Improve the Behavioral Health Workforce explores diverse strategies states have implemented over the past several years to build a skilled and sustainable behavioral health workforce.
- How Alaska Supports Rural and Frontier Behavioral Health Services details Alaska's Behavioral Health Aide certification.
- State Community Health Worker Policies offers a snapshot of how states are defining, training, certifying, and paying for the CHW workforce.
- States Enhance Children's Mental Health Services through Workforce Supports describes state efforts to enact laws to address workforce shortages in children's mental health.
- State Medicaid Approaches to Doula Service Benefits highlights key components and features of states' Medicaid doula benefits.
- Expanding the Perinatal Workforce through Medicaid Coverage of Doula and Midwifery Services
 discusses key policy considerations for states implementing Medicaid coverage of doula and
 midwifery services.