How Data and Technology Can Improve Medicaid Programs

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John Schmitt, Mathematica

John Schmitt is a senior director of health analytic systems and technology at Mathematica. He is an expert in health care data analytics and managing large-scale analytic system development projects.

Schmitt has directed projects supporting data analysis of health insurance exchange data, worked with Federal stakeholders to define and document analytic requirements, design program metrics, analyze data sources, profile data, and implement reporting solutions within a Big Data environment. He also provides subject matter expertise to the project team and supports data and report testing. Before joining Mathematica in 2011, Schmitt held senior roles in operations and development at a number of software firms. He was a vice president of technology at Ebix, Inc. and vice president of development and principal at Infinity Systems Consulting. He also held a variety of increasingly responsible positions at Electronic Data Systems. Schmitt holds an M.S. in predictive analytics from Northwestern University.

Paul Messino, Mathematica

Paul Messino is the state Medicaid area director at Mathematica, focusing on the intersection of state health policy, health research, and technology. He assists with the development of Mathematica's Medicaid data quality solution, Imersis, a cloud-based data quality tool designed to help state Medicaid agencies prepare Transformed Medicaid Information System (T-MSIS) data for advanced analytics and meet new federal requirements. In addition, he provides thought leadership on various health information technology related projects, from T-MSIS to Alternative payment models. Before joining Mathematica, Messino worked for the Maryland Department of Health as the chief of health information technology policy, leading a team of analysts to implement and monitor the Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Program and develop, fund, and oversee the implementation of various Health Information Exchange functionalities within the state of Maryland. Paul has an M.P.P. and a Dr.PH from Johns Hopkins University.

Aaron Seib, NewWave

Aaron Seib is Senior Vice President of Strategy and Innovation with NewWave, a full-service Information Technology (IT), Business Services, and Data Management company that specializes in merging government and industry through state-of-the-art technologies. Aaron also leads Social Architecture for FHIR-based Referral and Open Standards Networks (SAFFRON) Labs, an innovation business unit within NewWave Holdings dedicated to imagining and building the technical ecosystem for the delivery of person-centered care informed by the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH). Aaron has worked extensively on health information exchange (both the noun and the verb), most recently on Blue Button 2.0 and alternate payment models at CMS. His background includes provider-to-provider focused exchange at the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT on the Nationwide Health Information Network (now the eHealth Exchange), California's Office of Health Information Integrity Statewide HIE initiatives, and consumer directed exchange as the CEO of the National Association for Trusted Exchange..

Chris McInnish, Mathematica

Chris McInnish is a researcher at Mathematica. He has been with Mathematica since 2019, engaging with several projects related to Medicaid for CMS and different state Medicaid agencies. Chris retired from the State of Alabama Medicaid Agency in 2019, where he led the creation of the quality analytics office and was the project director for the state Primary Care Case Management and Health Homes programs. Prior to this role he also served Alabama in the Department of Children's Affairs. Chris' expertise includes Medicaid data, Medicaid policy, quality measurement, analytics and case management programs. He holds both a B.A. and M.B.A. from Auburn University.

Chris Mink, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Chris Mink is a Reporting Analyst with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Chris Mink is a senior manager on the ACO and CP Performance Reporting team at MassHealth (Massachusetts Medicaid). Her expertise is at the juncture of data and social services. Her early career focused on direct care and mental health services. She worked in a range of setting including schools, clinics, emergency departments, and psychiatric hospitals. She specialized in psychiatric crisis intervention, children's mental health and care coordination. She later transitioned out of direct care to supervisory roles and managed care. During her tenure at MBHP (Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership) she worked on standing up and monitoring behavioral health services in Massachusetts. These included new children's behavioral health services (CBHI), an overhaul of the emergency services system and ongoing work with the inpatient mental health network. Data has played an increasingly key role in supporting all these initiatives. Chris holds a Masters in Mental Health Counseling from Leslie University.

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