

# Understanding Medicaid

## An Ongoing Learning Series

### Purpose

Medicaid is complicated! It is hard to find approachable, easy to understand information about how Medicaid operates. At the same time, Medicaid is the [single largest](#) children's health insurer in the United States. The influence it has on children's healthy development is enormous. Making it easier to understand Medicaid can help families, advocates, providers and system administrators.

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### Content

This series focuses on Medicaid's children's behavioral health care coverage. Having a defined population and set of concerns allows us to dive into some of the intricacies of how Medicaid works, without getting overwhelmed.

The [Topic Sheets](#) in the series start with basic questions about how Medicaid operates. They move into other important, but sometimes difficult, topics. These include Medicaid financing strategies, payment mechanisms, population definitions and coverage strategies.

### Participation

It is impossible to be an expert on every aspect of Medicaid policy and implementation. But it **is possible** to collaborate to uncover, publicize and teach an enormous amount about what we have learned together about Medicaid policy and practice. [E-mail](#) me at any time to let me know what topics we should be covering, what you've learned, and how we can better disseminate what we've learned together ([click the link](#) or e-mail me at: [nisrael@unionpointgroup.com](mailto:nisrael@unionpointgroup.com)).

### Resources Now!

This series is posted on a single webpage [here](#). I also have a growing set of resources from across the internet, available for you [here](#). Let me know the types of learning resources that you'd like to see in the future! I'm happy to grow this library based on your recommendations.