

Aligning Health and Homelessness Programs

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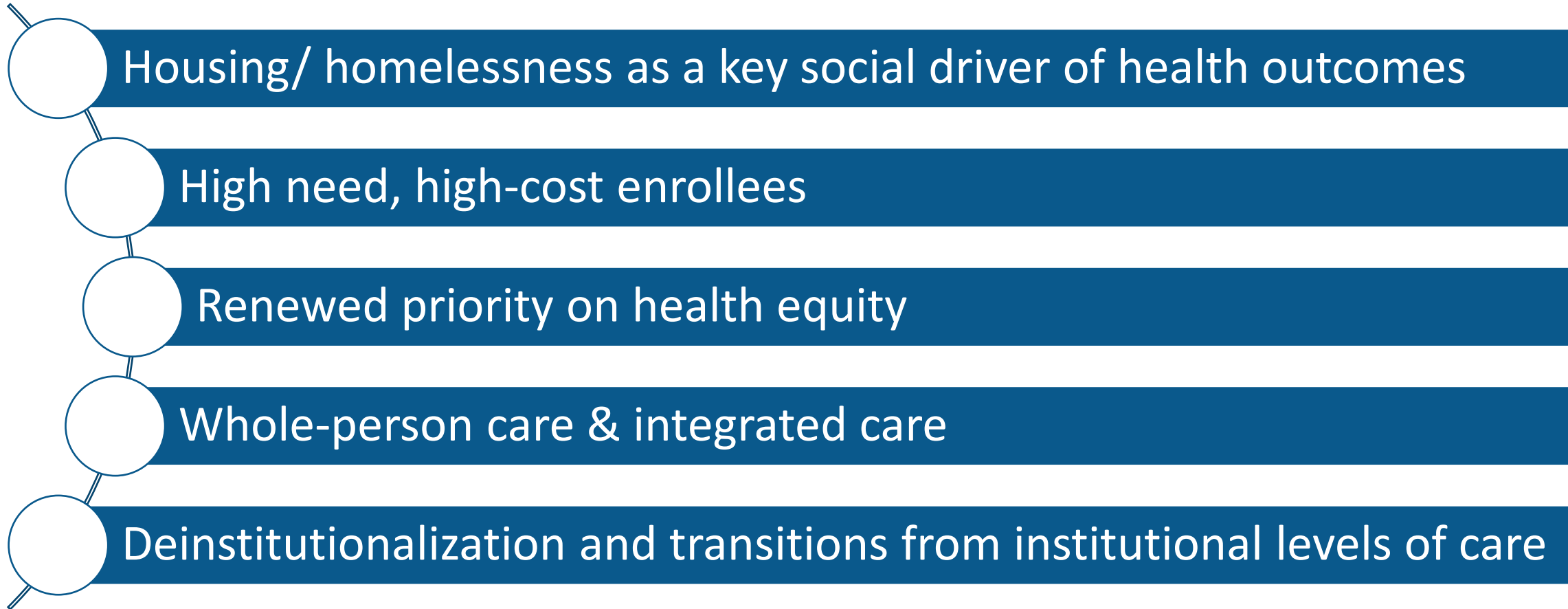
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Housing as Health Care



The Role of Medicaid

Medicaid

- Provides health coverage to low-income individuals
- Operated by states per federal requirements
- Jointly funded by states and federal

Housing Support Services Under Medicaid

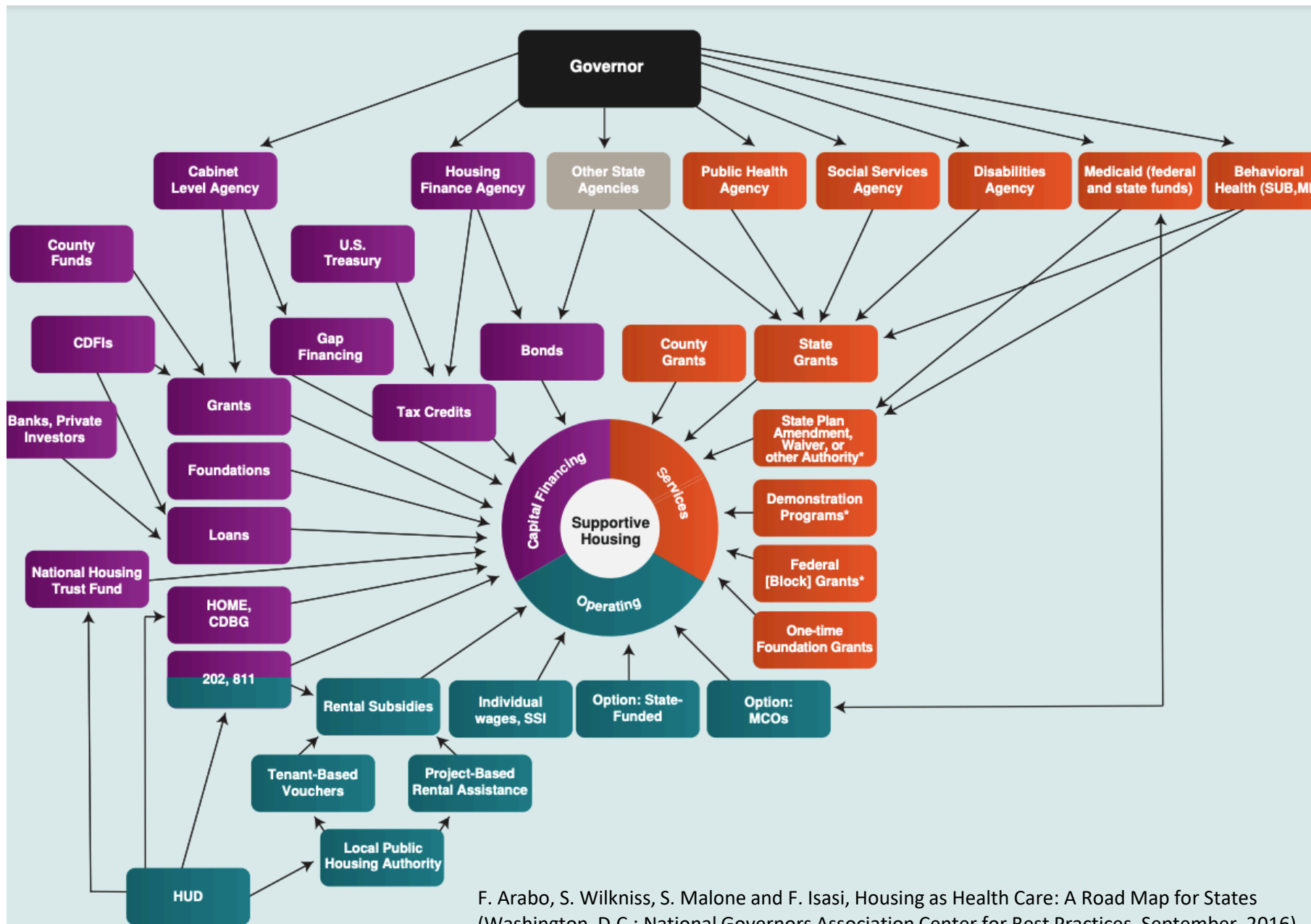
- Pre-tenancy services
 - Housing search, application assistance, move-in costs
- Tenancy support services
 - Eviction prevention, education on rights and responsibilities, home modifications
- (New!) Temporary housing up to 6 months
- Physical & behavioral health, referral to social supports

Medicaid Authorities and Mechanisms

- State plan
 - Rehabilitation services, 1915(i), health homes, targeted case management
- Waivers
 - Section 1115 demos, HCBS
- Managed care
 - Contracting requirements, “in lieu of” services, value add services, incentive and withhold arrangements

The Challenge & Opportunity of Supportive Housing

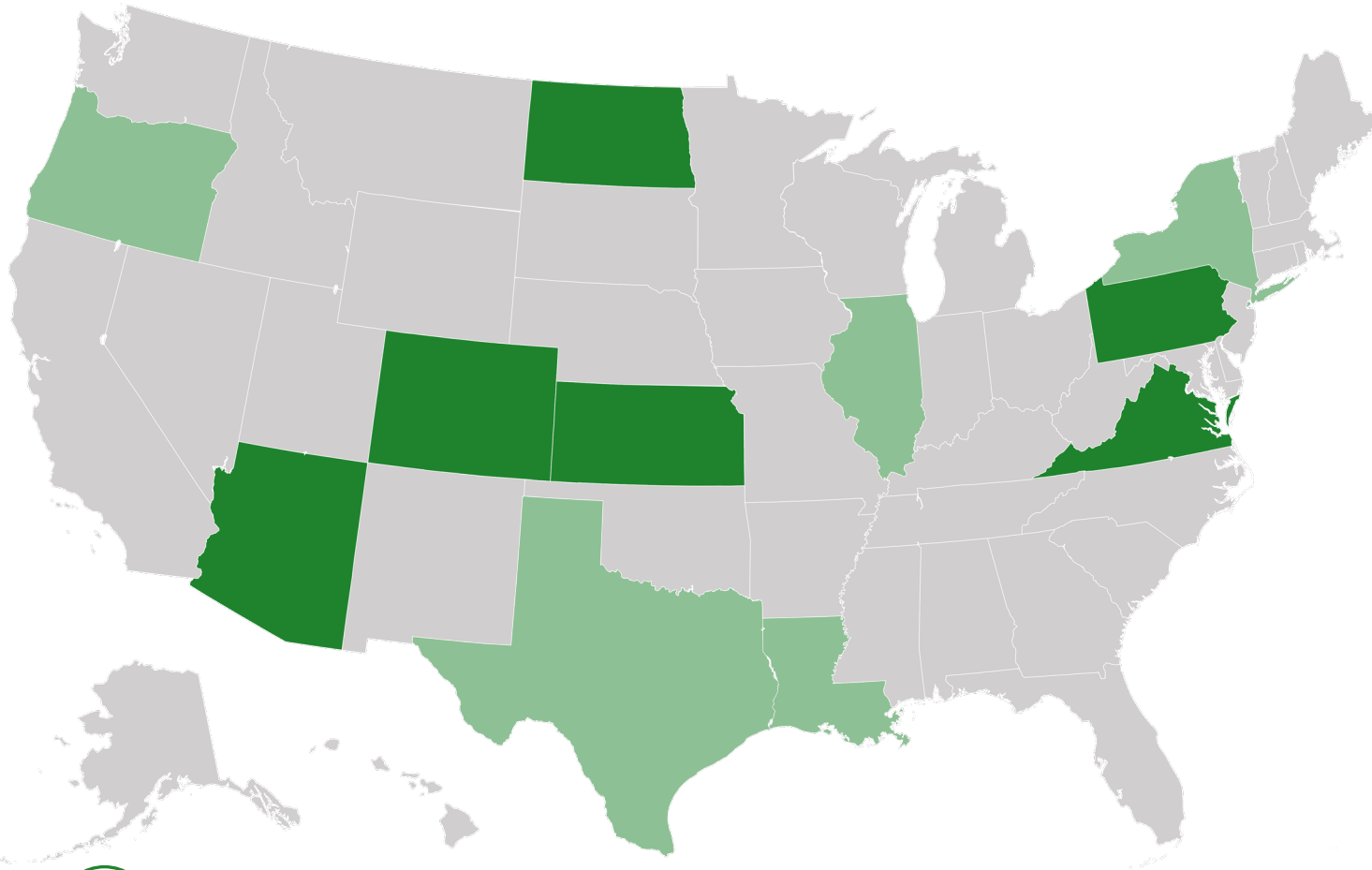




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*Note that federal funding for supportive housing services may be provided by HHS through programs such as Medicaid and CHIP, as well as federal block grants and demonstration programs.

NASHP's Health and Housing Institute



- Medicaid
- Housing Department
- Health and Human Services
- Behavioral Health
- Housing Finance Agency
- Governor's Office
- Economic Development
- Corrections
- Veterans Services
- Aging and Disability
- Children and Families

Core Elements of Health and Housing



Resources: Cross-Agency Partnerships

- NGA [Housing as Health Care: A Road Map for States](#) (2016)
- NASHP & CSH [Health & Housing: Intro to Cross-Sector Collaboration](#) (2021)
- CSH [Supportive Housing 101](#)
- NASHP [State Interagency Councils on Homelessness](#) (2023)
- NASHP [Report Out from First Round of Health and Housing Institute](#) (2020)
- NASHP [Braiding Funds to House Complex Medicaid Beneficiaries: Key Policy Lessons from Louisiana](#) (2017)

Resources: Deep Dives on Medicaid

- CMS Guidance:
 - [New Framework for Health Related Social Needs Section 1115 Demonstration Waivers \(2022\)](#)
 - [Additional Guidance on Use of In Lieu of Services and Settings in Medicaid Managed Care \(2023\)](#)
 - [Opportunities in Medicaid and CHIP to Address Social Determinants of Health \(2021\)](#)
- CSH [Summary of State Actions on Medicaid and Housing Services \(2022\)](#)
- MACPAC [Medicaid's Role in Housing \(2021\)](#)
- CBPP [Medicaid Can Partner with Housing Providers and Others \(2020\)](#)
- CBPP [Housing and Health Partners Can Work Together to Close the Housing Affordability Gap \(2020\)](#)

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