

The State of Partnering with the States

What is the State of Play in Your State?

This tool can be used by regional collaboratives to facilitate a dialogue with stakeholders around how to leverage the current environment to work in closer alignment with the state.

Policy Levers Available to States	Key Questions to Consider	State of Play in your State?
As purchaser. . .	What is the status of Medicaid reform? How does Medicaid interface with the proposed insurance exchange? Can the State employee benefit plan be leveraged?	
As traditional regulator. . .	What is your state’s regulatory role in: ... health insurance exchange? ...Insurance Commissioner? ...transparency requirements? ...health information technology?	
As convener. . .	Does your state act as a convener for: ...health reform task forces? ...public-private partnerships? ...other collaborations?	
As market setter or facilitator . . .	What steps is the state taking to encourage competition on price, quality, value? How does your state use statutory authority set market conditions? Is there relevant market share or antitrust issues to consider?	

Given the contextual factors in your state, what are your prospects for success?

What are your short-term and long-term next steps?

For example:

How is the organization engaging with the state in these different roles?

Who are the key contact points in state government?

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