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ADMFs, Special Needs and Medicaid

- Some families turn to Medicaid for supplemental services and coverage
- Structurally, Medicaid is ill-equipped to respond to ADMF needs
- Medicaid may be a crucial resource for those leaving the military.

Barriers

- Medicaid is highly variable across the states in terms of modes of delivery, optional services, and management
- Within any state, Medicaid is mostly likely under budgetary stress and politically contentious.

Education and Awareness

- Military families need to know about health care options both in and outside the military health system
- DOD support personnel can play a major role as a resource.

Policy Needs and Development

- CA, KS, and WA are exploring Medicaid program innovations to help families nearing separation from the service
- ACA changes the landscape of Medicaid through eligibility expansion and the further promotion of HCBS.

Policy Needs and Development

- There is an ongoing need for data sharing and policy coordination at the federal level
- The states have a role to play as well.