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Webinar: David Mandell explores healthcare, education and autism

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Here's how Mandell describes what he will discuss in this webinar:

Over the past 50 years, federal and state regulations have dramatically changed the landscape of

care for people with autism and other disabilities. They have expanded the types of healthcare to which people with autism have access, where that care is provided, what type of education people with autism receive, and even where these individuals can live and work. Although these policies have greatly improved access to care and guaranteed basic civil rights, they have had less of an impact on quality of care.

In this presentation, I will discuss the effects of some of these policies. I will present results from evaluations of two of them: state legislation that requires insurance companies to cover autism services, and federal Medicaid waivers, which allow states to provide services outside their usual Medicaid plan. I also will discuss results from my research on interventions in public schools, and our efforts to use our findings to develop policies that more directly improve quality of care.