



## State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) January 30, 2009

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SHARE is a National Program Office funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to fund, synthesize and disseminate evaluations of state health reform. Periodically, SHARE will send an e-newsletter outlining upcoming events, grantee activities and updates on our funded projects. For more information visit: <http://www.shadac.org/share/>.

### NEWS FROM GRANTEES

#### **SHARE Grantee Joel Cantor quoted in *New York Times***

SHARE grantee Joel Cantor was quoted in the *New York Times* about the effectiveness of laws that allow young adults to be claimed as dependents on their parents' health insurance plans. "We've reviewed the laws and regulations from all 25 states," said Cantor, the director of the Center for State Healthy Policy at Rutgers University, who is studying the national impact of the state laws on insuring young adults. "This is about as incremental as incremental gets." (*New York Times*, 1/19/09) Please click [here](#) to view the article.

#### **SHARE Grantee Sharon Long presented early SHARE project findings**

Sharon Long presented early findings from her SHARE project at the American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting in January 2009. The title of Sharon's presentation was "Another Look at the Impacts of Health Reform in Massachusetts: Evidence Using New Data and a Stronger Model." Sharon's SHARE project examines the effects of reform efforts in Illinois, Massachusetts and New York. Please click [here](#) to read Sharon's AEA conference paper.

### SHARE ACTIVITIES

#### **Lynn Blewett, SHARE Program Director, named to AcademyHealth Board**

SHADAC Principal Investigator and SHARE Program Director Lynn Blewett was elected to the AcademyHealth Board of Directors. "This is a great opportunity to provide a voice for state-level research and policy at AcademyHealth and to stay connected with health services researchers," stated Blewett. Her term began in December of 2008 and runs through December 2012.

#### **SHARE Annual Meeting – February 12-13, 2009**

The SHARE Annual Grantee Meeting will be held on February 12-13, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to the meeting and hearing early results of the SHARE-sponsored research. SHARE grantees will share preliminary research findings, discuss challenges, and explore possibilities for dissemination.

#### **SHARE approved to receive more funding**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation approved \$2 million in new funding for SHARE to continue to support evaluations of health policy reform at the state level and to develop an evidence-based resource to inform state health reform efforts. We look forward to the new opportunities provided by this new administration of grant funds.

#### **SHARE Activities at AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting – June 28-30, 2009**

SHARE will host several events at [AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting](#) in June. Similar to last year, Lynn Blewett and Elizabeth Lukanen will host a Breakfast Roundtable Discussion for all grantees. SHARE will also have a booth staffed to visit throughout the ARM. We also hope to have some SHARE coordinated panels, and there will be a SHARE presence at the [state interest group meeting](#) held before the ARM begins.

#### **New SHARE Research Fellow Position Open**

The Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota seeks a Research Fellow for the State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) Program at the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC). The Fellow will work on this multi-year national



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initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). This 12-month, 100% time position is annually renewable, dependent on continued availability of funding, and offers the standard University benefits. Salary is based upon experience and qualifications. Interested candidates can contact Elizabeth Lukanen with questions ([elukanen@umn.edu](mailto:elukanen@umn.edu)).

## OTHER NEWS

### **RWJF announces new section focused on the latest health reform efforts on its website**

Recognizing that information, research and data are driving reform, RWJF created a [new section on rwjf.org](http://new.section.on.rwjf.org) that focuses exclusively on health reform and the groundbreaking work of the Foundation, its grantees and its partners. The site will contain new releases, policy briefs, journal articles, research reports, and the latest publications concerning what is happening in Washington D.C. and across the country.

## GRANTEE ACTION ITEMS

### **SHARE Assistance with Preliminary Findings**

As you start to produce findings we will work with you to publicize those findings. We are happy to help with your communications strategy and we would like to highlight your work. Contact Elizabeth Lukanen at [elukanen@umn.edu](mailto:elukanen@umn.edu) if you have findings that we can help you promote.

*If you have news items that you want us to highlight, please send them to Elizabeth Lukanen at [elukanen@umn.edu](mailto:elukanen@umn.edu).*



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