



## State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) September 2, 2008

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Periodically, SHARE will send an e-newsletter outlining upcoming events, grantee activities and other items of interest. 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).

### NEWS FROM GRANTEES

#### **SHARE Grantees, Joel Cantor and Alan Monheit, inform New Jersey health reform – July 8, 2008**

A bill signed into law by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine will expand coverage of children and parents under SCHIP and reform state-regulated health insurance markets. State lawmakers drew extensively on the work of SHARE investigators Alan Monheit and Joel Cantor that evaluated problems in the New Jersey's non-group health insurance market and simulated options for reform. Under the SHARE program, Joel and Alan are evaluating the effect of state policies extending the age of eligibility for dependent coverage on the uninsured rate of young adults. For more information about their work please visit: [www.cshp.rutgers.edu](http://www.cshp.rutgers.edu)

#### **SHARE Grantee, Ron Deprez, visits SHARE in Minneapolis – August 15, 2008**

SHARE staff and Ron Deprez, Executive Director of the Center for Health Policy, Planning, and Research at the University of New England, enjoyed lunch and a face-to-face Grantee Spotlight interview in mid-August. Ron was in Alexandria, Minnesota as a consultant to PrimeWest, a county based purchasing system for Medicaid-eligible residents. If your travels take you to Minnesota, please let us know – we'd enjoy connecting with you.

### GRANTEE ACTION ITEMS

#### **SHARE Issue Brief Template**

A primary goal of SHARE is to coordinate the dissemination of results in a way that is helpful to state and national policy makers. To do this, we ask that you keep us informed about the dissemination of information related to your SHARE project. This could include plans to release interim results, to submit articles to journals, or your participation in conferences. To assist you, we have prepared a SHARE issue brief template. If you generate results that are suitable for an issue brief, please contact Elizabeth Lukanen at [elukanen@umn.edu](mailto:elukanen@umn.edu).

### SHARE ACTIVITIES

#### **SHARE Breakfast Roundtable at the NASHP Annual Conference – October 7, 2008**

SHARE's Lynn Blewett and Elizabeth Lukanen will host a Breakfast Roundtable Discussion at the National Academy for State Health Policy's (NASHP) Annual Conference. We will be talking to state policy-makers about the SHARE research projects and getting input from them on the most useful ways to disseminate findings. If you are attending the conference, we encourage you to stop by to talk about your study.



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### **SHADAC/SHARE Website Redesign**

The new SHADAC and SHARE website will debut this fall. The site is redesigned to better serve researchers, policy makers, and state officials. The new website will feature enhanced search capability for locating publications, a survey resources section, a “Charts and Tables” section featuring information on coverage and access, and the new SHADAC blog, “Bridging the Gap.”

### **SHARE’s Grantee Resources**

The Grantee Resources section is a new addition to SHARE’s website (the section will continue as part of the new website as well). This section explains SHARE and RWJF reporting requirements and includes links to all of the reporting forms you will need for the duration of your grant. This section is also your connection to the SHARE calendar and newsletter.

<http://www.statereformevaluation.org/Home-5780.html>

### **SHARE Grantee Spotlights**

We have enjoyed learning about our SHARE-sponsored studies and researchers through the Grantee Spotlight interviews. The Spotlights will debut on the new website this fall. Each team will have the opportunity to review the Spotlight before it is published, and we welcome your feedback. Look forward to enjoying the Spotlights soon.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **NASHP Annual Conference: Health Reform on the Horizon: Conversations about Coverage – October 5, 2008**

A major theme of NASHP’s 2008 Annual Conference is health reform. As part of this, they are holding a day-long preconference that will highlight how states have both attempted to expand health care coverage and have implemented changes in coverage in 2008. Presenters include representatives from several states: California, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.

[http://www.nashp.org/docdisp\\_page.cfm?LID=0DBDA70C-E623-4203-B9B067E71C59A693](http://www.nashp.org/docdisp_page.cfm?LID=0DBDA70C-E623-4203-B9B067E71C59A693)



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