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News and Announcements

June 23rd Webinar on BadgerCare Plus Enrollment Innovations

SHARE will host a webinar on June 23 titled, "Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus - How streamlined eligibility and an innovative web-based application tool have impacted enrollment." This webinar will feature Jim Jones, Deputy Medicaid Director and FoodShare Director for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Jim will discuss the public program simplifications critical to BadgerCare's success. In addition, Theresa Fosbinder, ACCESS Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services will provide a live demonstration of the ACCESS online application tool.

The webinar will be held on June 23, from 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Eastern. The event is open to the public, but registration is required.

[Register for the webinar](#)

SHADAC and SHARE Newsletters Merged

We are pleased to announce that we have combined content for the SHADAC and SHARE newsletters into a single, bimonthly newsletter. We have found that the information provided to both interests often overlap, particularly now with health reform issues at the forefront of both projects. We hope subscribers will find this new format useful. If you have any comments or items to share, please direct them to shadac@umn.edu or call 612-

624-4802.

Data Center Updated with ACS Estimates

SHADAC's Data Center now includes state-level uninsurance estimates from the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS). Introduced in September 2009 reflecting calendar year 2008, the ACS provides yearly up-to-date information on key demographics and policy-relevant health coverage data, including robust state-level estimates of health insurance coverage. SHADAC's data center is the most convenient source for health insurance estimates, allowing users to run tables in just minutes without need for statistical software.

[Visit the Data Center](#)

Access Profile Updated

SHADAC's State Health Access Profiles have been updated to reflect more current data on access and coverage. These profiles provide a comprehensive look at access to health care in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and include a compilation of 14 indicators that measure resources that enable access to health care for residents.

[Visit the Access Profile page](#)

SHADAC at AcademyHealth ARM

SHADAC will be participating in AcademyHealth's 2010 Annual Research Meeting (ARM), June 26-29 in Boston. Please drop by the SHADAC/SHARE exhibit (booth #214) to say hello and chat about issues on your mind. We hope to see you at the ARM!

[View a schedule of SHADAC/SHARE presentations](#)

Publications

SHADAC Presentations from AAPOR

Several SHADAC researchers attended the Annual Conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, held May 13-16, 2010 in Chicago.

- Kathleen Call presented "Can Post-Stratification Adjustments Do Enough to Reduce Bias in Telephone Surveys that Do Not Sample Cell Phones? It Depends," using data from the National Health Interview Survey.
- Peter Graven presented "Order Effects and Context Effects in Perspectives of Health Care Reform Polling" using data from The Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Consumer Confidence Index.
- Jeanette Ziegenfuss presented "Mode of administration and other design considerations in health insurance estimation."

[View SHADAC AAPOR presentations](#)

News from SHARE Grantees

SHARE Brief on Section 125 Plans Released

SHARE Grantee Amy Monahan has published a SHARE Issue Brief titled, "Section 125 Plans in the Post-reform Environment: Issues for Individual Insurance." The brief re-examines whether individual insurance can be paid on a pre-tax basis through a cafeteria plan in light of federal health reform enacted earlier this year.

[View the Section 125 brief](#)

Rutgers Report on High Risk Pools Released

The Rutgers Center for State Health Policy, under the direction of SHARE grantee Joel Cantor, has released a

report titled, "Data for Planning a Temporary High Risk Health Insurance Pool in New Jersey." The analysis, conducted with data from the New Jersey Family Health Survey, provides an estimate of the number of persons that would be eligible and the number that would enroll in a state high risk pool, building on its existing Individual Health Coverage Program (IHCP). The information was provided to the State of New Jersey for the development of its application to create a state-sponsored high risk pool under The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

[View the High Risk Pools report](#)

Long Releases Paper on Effects of Young Adult Provisions in Massachusetts

Sharon Long and colleagues have published "Disentangling the Effects of Health Reform in Massachusetts: How Important Are the Special Provisions for Young Adults?" in the American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, May 2010. The paper focuses on disentangling the effects of the special provisions implemented in Massachusetts to expand coverage to young adults.

[View the Young Adult Provisions paper](#)

News from and about the States

Colorado Health Institute Releases Estimates

The Colorado Health Institute (CHI) has released estimates of the child and adult population in Colorado who will benefit from Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) coverage expansions as a result of the passage of Colorado's Healthcare Affordability Act (HB 09-1293) and the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590).

[View the Colorado brief for children](#)

[View the Colorado brief for adults](#)

SHADAC has a technical brief describing a process for determining these eligible but not enrolled estimates:

[View SHADAC's eligible but not enrolled brief](#)

SCI Issue Brief on All-Payer Claims Databases

The State Coverage Initiatives has released “All-Payer Claims Databases: An Overview for Policymakers” in conjunction with the National Association of State Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) and the Regional All-Payer Health Information Council (RAPHIC). This issue brief outlines why states should consider developing these databases in their states and provides basic information about governance, financing, and data collection.

[View the SCI issue brief](#)

Kaiser Releases Report on Medicaid Coverage and Spending by State

This analysis, performed by the Urban Institute for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, shows that the expansion of Medicaid under the health reform law will significantly increase the number of people covered by the program and reduce the uninsured in states across the country, with the federal government picking up the vast majority of the cost.

[View the Kaiser report](#)

MEPS Household Component Released

The State-Level Medical Expenditure Tables for 2007 have been released and are on the MEPS Web site:

[Access the 2007 MEPS tables](#)

The 2008 Full Year Population Characteristics Data File has been released as an ASCII file (with related SAS and SPSS programming statements) and a SAS transport dataset. This file consists of MEPS survey data obtained in Rounds 3, 4, and 5 of Panel 12 and Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of Panel 13 (i.e., the rounds for the MEPS panels covering calendar year 2008). The 2008 Full-Year expenditure and income data will be forthcoming. The HC-115 file is available on the MEPS Web site:

[Access the MEPS HC-115 file](#)

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