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Call for Proposals from SHARE

SHARE has issued a [Call for Proposals to support research on health reform issues](#), especially as related to state-level implementation of the Affordable Care Act, with a focus on provisions that are designed to increase access and coverage. Studies funded through this call for proposals will support the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's objective to expand stable and affordable health care coverage by assisting states in their efforts to plan and implement coverage policies based on effective research and policy analysis.

State Interest Group Meeting at Policy Conference

The State Health Research & Policy Interest Group Policy Breakfast, held in conjunction with the AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference, will address "[How States Can Support Delivery System and Payment Reforms](#)." Panelists include John Colmers (Johns Hopkins Medicine), Scott Leitz (Minnesota), and Jeanene Smith (Oregon). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, from 7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

SHADAC Presentations at Statistical Methods Conference

SHADAC researchers presented at the 2012 Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference, January 10-12, 2012, in Washington DC.

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- SHADAC Senior Research Fellow Joanna Turner presented "[Implementation of Improvements to the Allocation Routine for Health Insurance Coverage in the CPS ASEC](#)," based on the [Census Bureau working paper](#) she co-authored with SHADAC Research Assistant Michel Boudreaux, which describes changes implemented by the Census Bureau to improve the quality of its health insurance estimates.
- Dean Judson of Decision Analytics and SHADAC Senior Economist Sharon Long presented "[Imputing the Legal Status of the Foreign Born Persons on Surveys: Two Approaches](#)." This work addresses states' need for estimates of size and characteristics of undocumented immigrants to implement federal health reform legislation.

Welcome Donna Spencer

SHADAC is pleased to announce the hiring of [Dr. Donna Spencer](#) as a Research Associate. Donna most recently worked as a Senior Researcher/Associate Director of Health Economics and Outcomes Researcher at i3 Innovus (now a part of OptumInsight). At SHADAC Donna will support the SHARE program as well as research projects on health reform and state health policy.

Resources

Kaiser Report on State Medicaid Policies

The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured released "[Performing Under Pressure: Annual Findings of a 50-State Survey of Eligibility, Enrollment, Renewal, and Cost-Sharing Policies in Medicaid and CHIP, 2011-2012](#)."

This report is their annual 50-state survey of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility rules; enrollment and renewal procedures; and cost-sharing practices. Researchers found that eligibility policies remained stable in nearly all

state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs during 2011, and many states used technology to increase program efficiency and streamline enrollment.

Tribal Reform Report

The Tribal Affairs Group of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released "[Health Care Reform: Tracking Tribal, Federal, and State Implementation](#)," analyzing the impact of the Affordable Care Act on American Indian and Alaska Native people. The report examines variations among 20 states on uninsurance rates, the Medicaid population, and projected newly-eligible for Medicaid and subsidies.

News from the States

Oregon Health Insurance Survey Reports

The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research released two new reports of results from the 2011 Oregon Health Insurance Survey. "[Health Insurance Coverage in Oregon](#)" provides statewide results, showing that 14.6% of the state's population was uninsured, compared to 5.6% for children, 21% of working age adults. "[Regional Health Insurance Coverage in Oregon](#)" provides uninsurance estimates for each of 15 regions in Oregon. Overall uninsurance estimates range from 9.5% to 20.6% across these regions, and the report provides detailed estimates for each region.

Minnesota Administrative Cost Report

The Minnesota Department of Health released "[Administrative Costs at Minnesota Health Plans in 2010](#)," showing that administrative costs account for 7.2% of total costs. The report includes detailed costs by insurer.

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