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SHADAC Announcements


UPCOMING SHADAC WEBINAR

What the Growing Medicaid Undercount Means for Data Users and Policymakers


Wednesday, April 5th, 2023 | 12:00pm CT/1:00 ET

Attendees will learn about:


- How and why 2021 coverage data underestimated Medicaid coverage and/or overestimated uninsurance
- The data and methodology used to calculate the undercount
- How the growing Medicaid undercount may impact health policy and advocacy




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Join us on Wednesday, April 5th at 1pm ET/12pm CT for a webinar on the growing Medicaid undercount. SHADAC researchers will be joined by experts from Georgetown University CCF, ASPE, and Urban Institute.

[See details and register here.](#)

Comments on Revisions to Federal Standards for Collecting Race/Ethnicity Data

Earlier this year, an initial set of recommended revisions to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD 15) were released. SHADAC summarized the proposed revisions in a recent [State Health & Value Strategies Expert Perspective](#) and [shared comments submitted in response here](#).

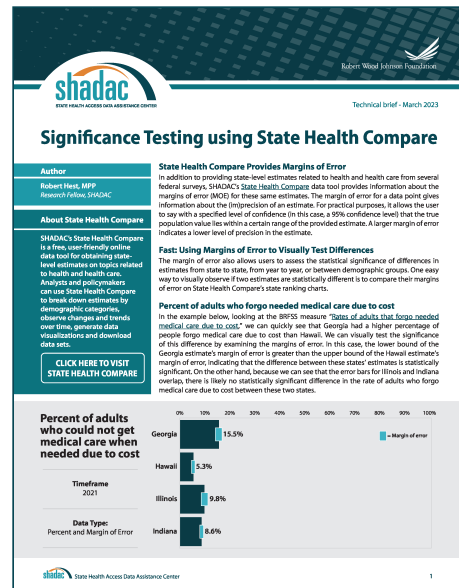
Significance Testing Using Estimates from State Health Compare

This [technical brief](#) guides data users on running tests for statistically significant differences using estimates and their associated margins of error from SHADAC's State Health Compare. Learn how to conduct a quick visual scan for statistically significant differences using the margins of error (MOE) output

in State Health Compare's state ranking charts, or access instructions for conducting a more robust test of statistical significance through a type of hypothesis testing known as a "t-test." [Read more.](#)

Examining Discrimination in Health Care by Sexual Orientation

Drawing on data from the Minnesota Health Access Survey, this [new blog](#) explores rates and implications of sexual orientation-based discrimination from health care providers. With nearly one in five LGBTQ adults in Minnesota reporting avoiding health care due to anticipated discrimination, this dataset can be used to help inform health equity efforts in Minnesota. [Read more.](#)



Find us over on LinkedIn where we're catching up with SHADAC Research Assistant alumni – including Megan Lahr! Read highlights from our conversation with Megan and be sure to follow SHADAC on LinkedIn for more updates like these.

Data, Analysis, and Trends from the States

California: Checking in on 2023 Coverage Considerations

The Legislative Analyst's Office of California [published a brief](#) on health care coverage, including a discussion on the significant decline in the uninsured rate over the past ten years and how coverage may change throughout 2023.

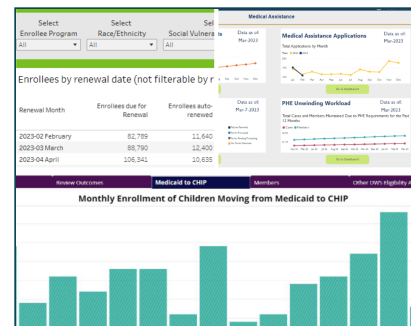
Additional Data News and Resources

MACPAC's March Report to Congress

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) published their [latest report](#) to Congress in March, including recommendations on race and ethnicity data collection in Chapter 1. SHADAC was thrilled to be cited in the report, and SHADAC researchers Elizabeth Lukanen and Emily Zylla also received special thanks for their contributions. [Read on.](#)

State Dashboards Monitor the Unwinding of the Continuous Coverage

This resource aggregates state dashboards that monitor the progression of coverage transitions as part of the Medicaid continuous coverage unwinding. To date, five states—Iowa, Minnesota, Utah, Washington and West Virginia—have a public data dashboard, with additional states indicating plans to publish their data soon. [This Expert Perspective will be kept updated as additional dashboards go live.](#)



CMS Data Set: Health Expenditures by State of Residence

In case you missed it, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updated their [state spending profiles](#) as part of their National Health Expenditure Data. The State Health Expenditure reflects per capita personal health care spending for 1991-2020. This was the first update since 2017, which covered

estimates for 1991-2014. [See more.](#)

For Reference: 2023 State of Mental Health Report

This [report](#) from Mental Health America seeks to answer a number of important questions, including: “Which states have higher barriers to accessing mental health care?” The data and findings in this piece can help support mental health policy and program planning, analysis, and evaluation. [Download the report here.](#)

Recommendations for our Readers

[Op-ed: Celebrating the Successes of the Affordable Care Act](#)

Heather H. Howard, Justine Yu; NJ Spotlight News

[Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility, Enrollment, and Renewal Policies as States Prepare for the Unwinding of the Pandemic-Era Continuous Enrollment Provision](#)

T. Brooks, A. Gardner, P. Yee, J. Tolbert, B. Corallo, S. Moreno, M. Ammula; KFF

[Overdose Deaths Declined but Remained Near Record Levels During the First Nine Months of 2022 as States Cope with Synthetic Opioids](#)

Jesse C. Baumgartner, David C. Radley; The Commonwealth Fund

[Which States Offer their own Health Insurance Subsidies?](#)

Louise Norris; HealthInsurance.org



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