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## SHADAC Announcements

### Measuring Perceptions and Opinions on Cannabis Use and Access in Minnesota

In the latest brief released by SHADAC and the Cannabis Research Center at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, researchers use pre-cannabis-legalization survey data to understand public perceptions and opinions of cannabis and cannabis use in Minnesota. We hope that this work will help us understand how attitudes and outcomes evolve as the cannabis landscape in Minnesota and beyond changes. Read the [brief in full here](#).

### FPG vs. FPL: What's the Difference?

SHADAC's informational blog entitled "FPG vs. FPL: What's the Difference?" now reflects the most up-to-date income thresholds available. The blog also explains the important differences between Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). Check it out on our website [here](#).

### Tracking Health Insurance Coverage During the Unwinding

Researchers at SHADAC have been using monthly data from the Household Pulse Survey to assist in tracking health insurance coverage rates during the unwinding of the Medicaid continuous coverage requirement, referred to as the "Medicaid Unwinding". Our most recent analysis using data from March 2024 showed, amongst other findings, that uninsurance rates increased among Non-Hispanic White adults. Read about the rest of our findings and methods in the full blog [here](#).

### SHADAC is Hiring!

We are looking to add a Research Dissemination Coordinator to our team. This role will be focused on data visualization, graphic design, and communication with a variety of internal and external channels. If that sounds like you (or like someone you know would be interested!) check out the full job description at this link: <https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/ext/360746>. Feel free to share this link with your network!

### Blog and Resource 2024 Updates

Other updates this month from SHADAC include:

- 'Related Products' for each measure updated on [State Health Compare site](#), providing users with real life examples of how our researchers and team use the tool and associated data
- [50 State Profiles](#) on SHADAC's website updated with the most up-to-date data available
- Blog listing [State Health Insurance Program names](#) refreshed to reflect latest updates

## FINDINGS FROM THE 2023 MINNESOTA HEALTH ACCESS SURVEY RELEASED

The Minnesota Health Access Survey (MNHA), conducted every two years by the Minnesota Department of Health and SHADAC, studies how Minnesotans access health insurance and health care services.

With over 15,000 households participating in the 2023 study, results found that 1 in 4

Minnesotans went without health care in 2023 due to health care costs (compared to 1 in 5 from 2021). Using survey data, researchers estimate that 3.8% of Minnesotans were without health insurance in 2023.

Learn about more of the 2023 study's findings plus expert analysis in the [full report](#).

## State Data News & Resources

### Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace: 2023 Annual Report

This report, released annually by the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, highlights some of the state's progress in improving equitable health care coverage and access. According to this report, more than 145,500 individuals enrolled for the 2024 plan year with close to 80% of enrollees applying for, and receiving, financial assistance. Read the details and their other findings [here](#).

### 2024 California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) Central Valley Health Policy Survey: Publication

In late 2023, CHCF partnered with NORC at the University of Chicago to conduct their annual statewide survey asking California residents about their health care experiences and concerns. The survey had an oversample of 1,525 Central Valley residents – an area in CA that has problems attracting and retaining health care professionals, which particularly impacts residents' ability to access behavioral health and primary care services. Learn about the results for the Central Valley region specifically in CHCF's [recently released publication](#). You can also read the findings for the survey as a whole [here](#).

### Medicaid Base and Supplemental Payments to Hospitals: MACPAC Issue Brief

States make a number of different types of Medicaid payments to hospitals via two broad categories of payments: base payments for services and supplemental payments, which are typically made in a lump sum for a fixed period of time. This issue brief from MACPAC reviews each type of Medicaid hospital payment, going over payment goals, payment amounts, and the relationship to other types of Medicaid payments. The brief also uses various examples to show how the use of supplemental payments varies by state. Read the brief in full [at this link](#).

## Recommendations for Our Readers

### [Nearly 1 in 4 Adults Dumped from Medicaid Are Now Uninsured, Survey Finds](#)

"...Tens of millions of Americans struggled to retain coverage in the government insurance program for low-income people after pandemic-era protections began expiring last spring."

*Phil Galewitz; KFF Health News*

### [Bill would exempt Missouri Farm Bureau health insurance plans from federal rules](#)

"Legislation would allow one organization to return to practices banned by the Affordable Care Act, including denying coverage to those with serious medical conditions."

*Clara Bates; Missouri Independent*

### [The Overdose Crisis in the 2024 Election—Political Fights and Practical Problems](#)

"The political viability of innovative harm-reduction models will be tested by the 2024 election, not only at the national level, but also through the outcome of state and local initiatives."

*Brendan Saloner; Journal of the American Medical Association*



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