



STATE HEALTH ACCESS DATA ASSISTANCE CENTER

# NEWSLETTER

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## SHADAC Announcements

### SHADAC's Primary Source of Coverage Hierarchy for American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates on State Health Compare

This [updated brief](#) from SHADAC helps researchers determine which payer is primary when an individual reports multiple sources of health insurance coverage on the American Community Survey (ACS) through the use of a “primary source of coverage hierarchy,” created and explained in detail by SHADAC researchers.

### Collection of Self-Reported Disability Data in Medicaid Applications: A Fifty-State Review of the Current Landscape (SHVS Brief)

This issue brief provides an overview of current disability data collection standards and documents how states are collecting self-reported disability information on their Medicaid applications. SHADAC reviewed paper Medicaid applications for all 50 states and the District of Columbia alongside online applications for 36 states and the District of Columbia. Read the State Health and Value Strategies brief [here](#).

### State Health Compare Updates

SHADAC's State Health Compare is a tool that allows you to view, compare, and generate visualizations of state data on more than 45 measures and across varied domains. This past month, new data on Race/Ethnicity was added to our [health insurance coverage measure](#) – specifically, health insurance coverage measures for American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI) populations from the years 2008-2022. Additionally, new 2022 estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey (CPS) are now available for eight measures, including Broadband Internet Access, Child Poverty, and more. Learn about the [newly available estimates here](#).

### SHADAC Work Cited in Congressional Testimony

SHADAC's infographic titled, “At What Cost? State Variation in 2022 ESI Premiums and Deductibles” was [cited in Congressional testimony](#) by Andrea Ducas, the vice president of health policy at the Center for American Progress. Testimony was presented before the House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions regarding lowering health care costs and increasing health care access. We are so proud to see our work on Employer-Sponsored Insurance helping to inform policymakers. Explore our [findings and analysis here](#).

## HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES

State Health and Value Strategies (SHVS) has developed two new interactive Health Equity Tools to assist state agencies in advancing their equity work.

[The Impact Tool](#) is a multi-part online evaluation for state agencies to examine their equity work at a high level. The Impact Tool guides states through the process of defining health equity goals along with identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges related to meeting those goals. Get started with your evaluation and goals [here](#).

[The Policy Tool](#) is a framework for reviewing and evaluating the impact of current or proposed policies on equity. The Policy Tool provides a template for asking key questions to assess the likelihood that a policy will promote equity or exacerbate inequities. State agencies can use the Policy Tool as a guide toward action to implement, adjust, or advise against a regulation or policy. [Click here](#) to check it out.

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## Data News & Resources

### **Access in Brief: Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) (MACPAC)**

MACPAC compares the characteristics of adult Medicaid beneficiaries with ID/DD across racial and ethnic groups and by Medicaid-only or dual eligible status. They use survey data from the National Core Indicators In-Person Surveys (NCI-IPS) collected in FY 2017 and FY 2018 to analyze demographics, health status, and experience with Medicaid home & community based services (HCBS). [See data here.](#)

### **New Two-Year California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) Public Use Files (PUFs) Now Available**

The California Health Interview Survey has released the 2021–2022 two-year cycle Public Use Files (PUFs). Unlike the single-year PUFs, these comprehensive two-year PUFs provide larger samples, allowing data users and researchers to look at more granular and detailed information, such as race and ethnicity variables for smaller subgroups and populations. Ninez A. Ponce, director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research (CHPR) and PI of CHIS, explains that “looking at more detailed data allows stakeholders to look at health indicators and tailor support or outreach to groups who need help.” These files are free and accessible online after a brief application – [find more information here](#).

## Recommendations for Our Readers

### **[Record Marketplace Coverage in 2024: A Banner Year for Coverage](#)**

*Council of Economic Advisers, Blog Post*

### **[CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks LaSure and HHS Leaders Celebrate Black History Month](#)**

*CMS Newsroom, CMS Round-Up, Feb 23, 2024*

### **[Researchers Incensed Over CMS Data Access Change](#)** *\*Note: this story appears second on the page\**

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