



NEWSLETTER

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SHADAC Announcements

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data Resources & Information from SHADAC

SHADAC has created a resource compiling products and publications we have created related to sexual orientation, gender identity (SOGI), and health care discrimination by gender and/or sexual orientation. From SOGI data collection best practices to analysis of provider discrimination in Minnesota by gender identity and sexual orientation, learning more about LGBTQ+ health equity can start with [our resource here at this link](#).

State Health & Value Strategies (SHVS) Expert Perspective: Changes to Child and Adult Core Sets to Advance Equity

In a new SHVS Expert Perspective, SHADAC researchers Elizabeth Lukanen and Lacey Hartman discuss recent changes to Child and Adult Core Sets to advance health equity. The Core Sets have become recognized as a critical tool to monitor health disparities within Medicaid and CHIP; changes to data collection and data disaggregation for the Core Sets may help us better assess member experience and improve our ability to monitor inequities between members, populations, and states. Read the specifics on these upcoming changes along with [context & thoughts provided by SHADAC's experts here](#).

SHADAC Work Cited in Varied Publications

June saw a number of SHADAC products cited by journal articles and publications in a range of applications. Just a few examples include:

- In an article published in *Health Affairs Scholar*, researchers used SHADAC's American Community Survey coverage estimates in their analysis of the potential for improvement on key quality metrics to prevent deaths associated with colorectal cancer and hypertension. [Read that full article here](#).
- In their [primer report](#) on Developing Primary Care Population-Based Payment Models in Medicaid, the Center for Health Care Strategies cites a [brief on states' approaches to filling data gaps](#) prepared by SHADAC Researcher Colin Planalp for SHVS.
- In another *Health Affairs Scholar* article, researchers reference the [SHADAC report](#) 'Defining Family for Studies of Health Insurance Coverage' in their [study on the impact of Implementing Automated Medicaid eligibility renewals on program participation](#).

June 2024 Blog and Resource Updates

10 Measures on State Health Compare, including Adult Cancer Screenings and Chronic Disease Prevalence, have been **updated to include breakdowns by sexual orientation**. Read the details in [this blog post](#).

[Our blog](#) 'Tracking Health Insurance Coverage During the Unwinding' using

Household Pulse Survey data was updated using data collected in May 2024

BCBS of Minnesota Foundation [Community and Uninsured Profile's Interactive Map has been updated with Social Vulnerability Index information](#). Let us know if your state or organization is interested in developing a similar profile by [contacting us here!](#)

Data & Policy Resources

MACPAC June 2024 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission's (MACPAC's) June 2024 Report to Congress cites SHADAC and SHVS' work on data collection practices in Medicaid, including a [brief on self-reported disability data](#), a [brief on collection of sexual orientation and gender identity data](#), and more. The MACPAC report also contains chapters on recommendations for increased transparency in financing, tools for optimizing state Medicaid agency contracts, and trends in enrollment in Medicare Savings Programs. [Read the full MACPAC report here.](#)

2023 Scorecard on State Health System Performance

This tool from The Commonwealth Fund ranks each state's health care system "based on how well it provides high-quality, accessible, and equitable health care." Overall, Massachusetts, Hawaii, and New Hampshire ranked highest for health system performance; Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Mississippi ranked lowest. [Explore more highlights and the details for the Scorecard Rankings here.](#)

Telehealth Policy Finder Tool

The Center for Connected Health Policy has created an online tool to make telehealth and telehealth policy more accessible. This tool allows users to search for telehealth related policies by state and topic, also allowing for Federal policy searches. Example telehealth topics you can search by include policy on Private Payer Requirements, Medicaid and Medicare policies, Consent Requirements, and more. [Find the tool and explore telehealth policies throughout the US here.](#)

Recommendations for Our Readers

[Reducing Disparities in Health Care Coverage and Access Under The ACA](#)

"While expanding coverage is necessary, it is not sufficient for eliminating disparities in health outcomes."

Thomas Buchmueller & Rebecca L. Haffajee; Health Affairs Forefront

[Los Angeles County Approves Medical Debt Relief for Residents](#)

"Health care debt burdens 4 in 10 adults in the U.S., according to a KFF Health News investigation, and disproportionately affects people of color, low-income people, and families with children."

Molly Castle Work; KFF Health News

[CBO Publishes New Projections Related to Health Insurance for 2024 to 2034](#)

"By CBO's estimates, the share of people without health insurance reached an all-time low of 7.2 percent in 2023. The rate in 2034 is projected to be 8.9 percent—higher than it was during the 2021–2023 period but lower than the rate of 10.0 percent in 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic."

Alexandra Minicozzi and Sarah Masi; Congressional Budget Office

