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SHADAC Announcements

Update to Minnesota Community and Uninsured Profile

Recently released five-year estimates of coverage rates from the American Community Survey for 2022 have been added to SHADAC's 'Minnesota Community and Uninsured Profile.' Originally part of the 'Minnesota's Uninsured and the Communities in Which They Live' project funded by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation, the goal of this tool is to evaluate equity work, inform strategic planning, and assess community needs. Check out the tool [here on our website](#).

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Data: New and Updated Information on Federal Guidance and Medicaid Data Collection Practices (SHVS Brief)

RWJF-funded State Health & Value Strategies (SHVS) has released an updated brief from SHADAC authors Emily Zylla and Elizabeth Lukanen on SOGI data collection to reflect new federal guidance and emerging best practices. This updated brief includes a summary of SOGI data collected by state Medicaid programs. The brief includes a spotlight on Oregon's efforts to develop SOGI data standards, and a discussion of considerations for states wanting to implement new SOGI questions into their Medicaid application. Find the brief [here on the SHVS website](#).

State Health Compare Data Highlight: Unemployment Rate Trends Pre-, Mid-, and Post-Pandemic

Researchers used SHADAC's State Health Compare tool's unemployment measure, looking at data pre- (2018-2019), mid- (2020), and post-pandemic (2021-2022). Key findings showed some progress & recovery post-pandemic at the national level and deeper analyses of these five-year trends revealed disparities for certain racial/ethnic subgroups, especially African American/Black and Hispanic/Latino adults. Learn more about these trends in [our full blog](#).

Medicaid Equity Monitoring Tool Project: State Medicaid Member Experience Qualitative Data Scan

As part of the ongoing work in Phase 2 of the Medicaid Equity Monitoring Tool project, SHADAC researchers have been working to understand what available data measures currently exist that could be useful in populating a potential Medicaid Equity Monitoring Tool. To begin this process, SHADAC decided to initially concentrate on one potential category area – Medicaid Member Experience. After an extensive qualitative data scan, we have compiled these findings into a new resource highlighting key data sources that hold the greatest potential for populating measures within this domain. Find this resource on [our website here](#).

Data News & Resources

Interactive Data Tool: Getting Medication for Opioid Use Disorder to Those in Need (Urban Institute)

This new interactive data tool from the Urban Institute allows users to explore state- and county-level gaps in access to buprenorphine and methadone (two common medication treatments for opioid use disorder) in two states: Michigan and New Jersey. This tool also provides information about factors that may affect access to treatment along with potential strategies for closing gaps. Explore the tool [here](#).

Mortality in the United States, 2022 (NCHS Data Brief)

The National Center for Health Care Statistics (NCHS) has released their brief titled Mortality in the United States 2022. Some key findings include:

- The 2022 infant mortality rate increased 3.1% from the 2021 rate
- COVID-19 dropped from the 3rd leading cause of death to the 4th

- Death rates increased from 2021 to 2022 for age groups 1 - 4 and 5 - 14 years and decreased for all age groups 15 years and older

Learn more about focus questions, findings, and methods on the publication site [here](#).

Child Opportunity Index 3.0 (Diversitydatakids.org Initiative at Brandeis University)

Research has shown that children who live in neighborhoods with safe housing, access to healthy food, parks, and economic opportunities are more likely to grow into healthy adults compared to children who do not grow up in those areas. The Child Opportunity Index from Brandeis University measures and maps neighborhood conditions and resources using 44 indicators across three domains (education, health & environment, and social & economic). First created in 2014, this 2024 update, called COI 3.0, includes new data and improved methods. See the data sets, maps, methods, first findings, and more from this resource [here](#). Find a related SHADAC resource on [Neighborhood Support here](#).

Recommendations for Our Readers

Some Medicaid Providers Borrow or Go Into Debt Amid ‘Unwinding’ Payment Disruptions

“It’s affecting small long-term care facilities, substance use disorder clinics, and federally funded health centers that rely on Medicaid to offer treatment based on need, not what people can pay.”

Katheryn Houghton; KFF Health News

Biden Administration Finalizes Limits on Junk Health Plans

“The tri-agencies also raise health equity concerns, noting that underserved populations and those with limited health literacy may be particularly vulnerable to aggressive and deceptive marketing tactics.”

Sabrina Corlette; Health Affairs Forefront

Op-Ed: How the Affordable Care Act Can Be Protected

“States have the opportunity to improve access and equity across their constituencies by expanding Medicaid coverage.”

Heather Howard & Gillian Tisdale; NJ Spotlight News



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