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State Health Access Reform Evaluation: 2008 to 2018, A Decade in Review

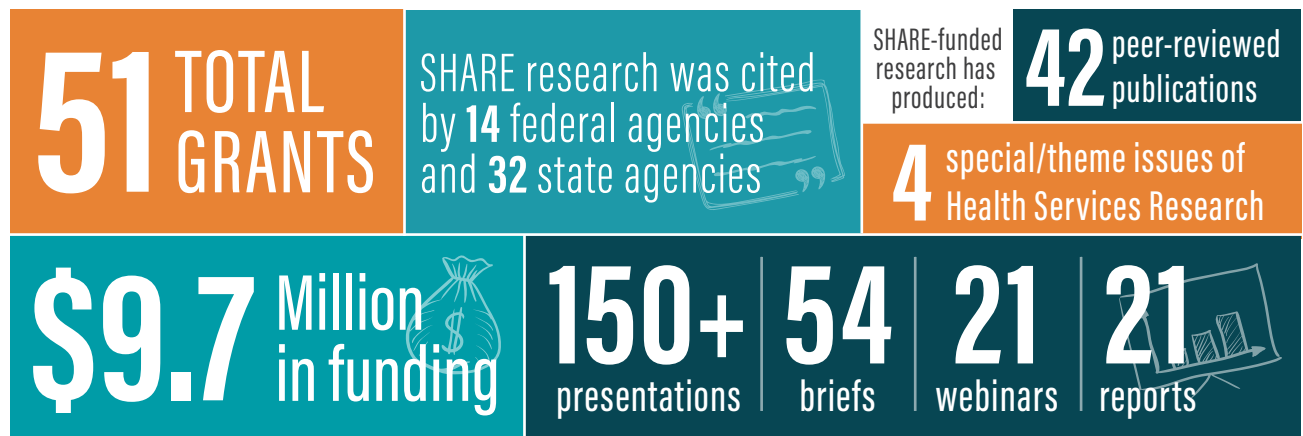

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State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) is a grant program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that supports timely, policy-relevant research designed to improve the collective understanding of health reform at the state level and to inform policy and the reform implementation process. Recent SHARE grants focus on a range of topics, including Medicaid; private market coverage; employer-sponsored insurance; access to and utilization of care; health care costs and quality; and benefit design.

The SHARE program is managed by the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) at the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health. SHADAC works with funded projects to produce and disseminate timely, informative, user-friendly findings for state and federal policymakers and agencies as well as leading researchers.

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As federal and state health policy environments have evolved, especially with the passage of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010, so has state health policy research under the SHARE grant program. When SHARE's journey began in 2008, SHARE research focused primarily on state-initiated efforts to expand health insurance coverage and access, with studies exploring, for example, efforts to cover all children; universal coverage initiatives; efforts to extend dependent coverage to young adults; the use of auto-enrollment for state coverage expansions; and the use of 12-month continuous eligibility in Medicaid.

The passage of the ACA meant a move toward evaluating state-level implementation of federal reform, focusing on coverage, access, and cost implications of the ACA within and across the varying policy environments of individual states. SHARE research topics expanded to include, among others: the implementation of health reform in rural areas; income dynamics and characteristics of health reform expansion populations; the impact of insurance coverage for childless adults on utilization; the effect of ACA Medicaid expansion on safety net hospital utilization; and the impact of Medicaid versus Marketplace coverage on out-of-pocket spending.

SHARE research has also continued to examine state innovations occurring beyond the realm of federal reform, particularly in the areas of benefit design and payment and delivery system changes to improve access and quality. In this respect, SHARE research has continued to leverage the ongoing experience of states as independent laboratories for reform.

The breadth of SHARE research over the past decade, before and after the passage of federal reform, along with the clear and continued variation between state health policy environments, highlights the persistent need for state policy research, both to evaluate state implementation of federal rules and regulations and to evaluate ongoing state-level innovations.

2016 Grant Awards

Assist the State of Minnesota with Analysis of Tiered Clinic Cost-Sharing Health Insurance Benefit Design

Institution: University of Minnesota

Principal Investigator: Bryan Dowd, PhD

The Effect of State Minimum Wage Laws on Medicaid Expansion Outcomes

Institution: RAND Corporation

Principal Investigator: Christine Eibner, PhD

Eligibility Criteria for HCBS and the Affordable Care Act

Institution: University of Michigan

Principal Investigator: Brant Fries, PhD

Evaluating the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on State Medicaid Program Provision of Tobacco Dependence Treatments

Institution: University of California, San Diego

Principal Investigator: Sarah McMenamin, PhD

2014 Grant Awards

Coverage, Access and Health Effects of the ACA Medicaid Expansion

Institution: RAND Corporation

Principal Investigator: Michael Dworsky, PhD

Early Evidence on Employment Responses to the Affordable Care Act

Institution: Indiana University

Principal Investigator: Anne B. Royalty, PhD

The Effect of the ACA Medicaid Expansion on Safety Net Hospital Utilization

Institution: Virginia Commonwealth University

Principal Investigator: Peter Cunningham, PhD

The Effect of Affordable Care Act Reforms on Specialty Drug Coverage: A State-by-State Comparison

Institution: RAND Corporation

Principal Investigator: Erin Taylor, PhD

Evaluation of State Policies for Aligning Behavioral Health Coverage between Medicaid and State Health Insurance

Institution: RTI International

Principal Investigator: Alexander Cowell, PhD

How Much Better is Medicaid than Marketplace Coverage at Easing the Burden of Out-of-Pocket Spending for Near-Poor Adults

Institution: The Urban Institute

Principal Investigator: Frederic Blavin, PhD

The Impact of Changes in Medicaid Eligibility Thresholds on Duration of Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Health Care

Institution: Medica Research Institute

Principal Investigator: Heather Dahlen, PhD

State Benchmarking, Healthcare Outcomes, and Implications for People with Disabilities

Institution: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Principal Investigator: Kathleen Thomas

The Effect of Public Health Insurance on the Hospital Industry

Institution: Columbia University

Principal Investigator: Tal Gross, PhD

Geographic Variation in ACA-Related Media Messages and Health Insurance Enrollment

Institution: University of Minnesota

Principal Investigator: Sarah Gollust, PhD

Making ACA Coverage a Reality: A National Examination of Provider Network Monitoring Practices by States and Health Plans

Institution: Health Management Associates

Principal Investigator: Karen Brodsky, MHS

2014 Grant Awards Continued

Pent-Up Health Care Demand after the ACA: Does It Exist and Will It Go Away?

Institution: Medica Research Institute

Principal Investigator: Angela Fertig, PhD

Trends in California Physicians' Participation in Medicaid

Institution: University of California, San Francisco

Principal Investigator: Andrew Bindman, MD

2012 Grant Awards

Achieving the Triple Aim in Medicaid: Evaluating the Access, Quality, Health and Cost Impacts of Coordinated Care Organizations in Oregon

Institution: Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research

Principal Investigator: Jeanene Smith, MD, MPH

Behavioral Health and Care for Chronic Medical Conditions in Pennsylvania: The Role of the Medical Home

Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Principal Investigator: Karin Rhodes, MD, MS

Informing Medicaid Program Design for Low-Income Childless Adults: The Promise of Self-Reported Health Measures

Institution: University of Illinois at Chicago

Principal Investigator: Lindsey Leininger, PhD, MA

Innovative Benefit Design for CT State Employees

Institution: University of Michigan

Principal Investigator: Richard Hirth, PhD, MA

Medical Homes Measures in Household Survey Data: State-Level Estimates Using Alternative Methodological Approaches

Institution: Urban Institute

Principal Investigator: Lisa Clemans-Cope, PhD

Understanding Consumer Choice Dynamics in the ACA State Marketplaces

Institution: Harvard School of Public Health

Principal Investigator: Anna Sinaiko, PhD

Planning for ACA Coverage Expansion: How Insurance Coverage for Childless Adults Will Affect Utilization

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Principal Investigator: Tom DeLeire, PhD

Rural Implementation and Impact of Medicaid Expansions

Institution: University of Southern Maine

Principal Investigator: Andrew Coburn, PhD, EdM

Small-Area Microsimulation to Study Geographic Variation in Coverage Expansions and Access under the Affordable Care Act

Institution: Vanderbilt University

Principal Investigator: John Graves, PhD

Understanding Health Insurance and Policy Using Massachusetts Health Reform

Grantee Institution: Yale University

Principal Investigator: Amanda Kowalski, PhD

2010 Grant Awards

Developing a Monitoring Strategy for Health Reform's Progress and Effects

Institution: George Mason University

Principal Investigator: Len Nichols, PhD, MS, MA

Eligibility Determination Using Modified Adjusted Gross Income: Implications for Enrollment under Health Reform

Institution: Mathematica Policy Research

Principal Investigator: John Czajka, PhD

Evaluation of State & Federal Young Adult Dependent Coverage Expansion Policies

Institution: Rutgers University

Principal Investigator: Joel C. Cantor, ScD

Expanding Coverage and Ensuring Access: The Challenges and Opportunities of Implementing Health Reform in Rural America

Institution: University of Southern Maine

Principal Investigator: Andrew Coburn, PhD, EdM

Implications and Options for State-Funded Programs under Health Reform

Institution: Health Management Associates

Principal Investigator: Theresa Sachs

Income Dynamics and Characteristics of Health Reform Expansion Populations

Institution: Williams College

Principal Investigator: Lara Shore-Sheppard, PhD, MA

Strategies for Moving the SNACC Project to the Next Level: Leveraging SNACC Data for Policy and Evaluation

Institution: N.O.R.C. at the University of Chicago

Principal Investigator: Mike O'Grady, PhD

Using Behavior Nudges to Improve Disease Management: Cost-Effective Strategies for Improving Care for Low-Income Diabetics

Institution: Harvard University

Principal Investigator: Kate Baicker, PhD

2008 Grant Awards

Evaluation of Risk Selection in Market-Based State Programs

Institution: Mathematica Policy Research

Principal Investigator: Deborah Chollet, PhD

Evaluation of Three States' Reforms to Cover All Children

Institution: UCLA

Principal Investigator: José Escarce, MD, PhD

How Affordable Are State Coverage Plans?

Institution: University of Southern Maine

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Kilbreth, PhD

Effect of Medicaid Reform on Access to Care, Program Sustainability, and Administrative Efficiency in Kentucky and Idaho

Institution: Urban Institute

Principal Investigator: Genevieve Kenney, PhD

Achieving Universal Coverage through Comprehensive Health Reform: The Vermont Experience

Institution: University of New England

Principal Investigator: Ronald D. Deprez, PhD, MPH

Evaluation of Extending Dependent Coverage to Young Adults

Institution: Rutgers University

Principal Investigator: Joel C. Cantor, ScD

An Evaluation of the Impacts of State Health Reform Initiatives in IL, MA, and NY

Institution: Urban Institute

Principal Investigator: Sharon K. Long, PhD

2008 Grant Awards Continued

Incremental Strategies to Cover Low-Income Uninsured Adults

Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Principal Investigator: Lisa Dubay, PhD, ScM

Sheltering Employee Premium Contributions from Tax Using “Section 125 Plans”

Institution: Wake Forest University

Principal Investigator: Mark Hall, JD

Evaluating the Implementation of the Rhode Island HealthPact Plans and the Design and Implementation of Rhode Island’s Global Waiver

Institution: Brown University

Principal Investigator: Vincent Mor, PhD

Evaluating Wisconsin’s BadgerCare Plus Reform Package

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Principal Investigator: Thomas Oliver, PhD

Assessing the First Use of Auto-Enrollment for a State Coverage Expansion

Institution: Urban Institute

Principal Investigator: Stan Dorn, JD

Evaluating Small Group Employer Participation in New Mexico’s SCI Program

Institution: New Mexico Human Service Department

Principal Investigator: Cynthia Boddie-Willis, MD, MPH

Evaluating the Impact of Outreach and Enrollment Strategies in California

Institution: University of Southern California

Principal Investigator: Michael R. Cousineau, DrPH

Evaluation of 12-Month Continuous Eligibility in Medicaid

Institution: UCLA

Principal Investigator: E. Richard Brown, PhD

Maryland Kids First Act Outreach Evaluation

Institution: Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Principal Investigator: David Idala, MA



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