

Use of Survey Data for Tracking the Impact of the ACA in States

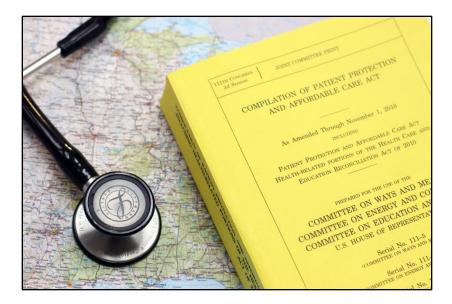
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Overview

- Monitoring health reform:
 - I. Health insurance coverage
 - 2. Affordability and comprehensiveness of coverage
 - 3. Access to health care services





Considerations for Selecting Measures

- Measures that reflect major goals and provisions of the law
- Outcomes rather than implementation process
- Relevant/meaningful to policymakers





Considerations for Recommending Data Sources

- Comparability over time
- Ability to do in-depth analysis (e.g., by geography, age, income, race/ethnicity)
- Population coverage complete population of interest
- Availability of benchmarks/national comparisons
- Timeliness of estimates
- Accessibility of data
- Flexibility to adapt to changing needs





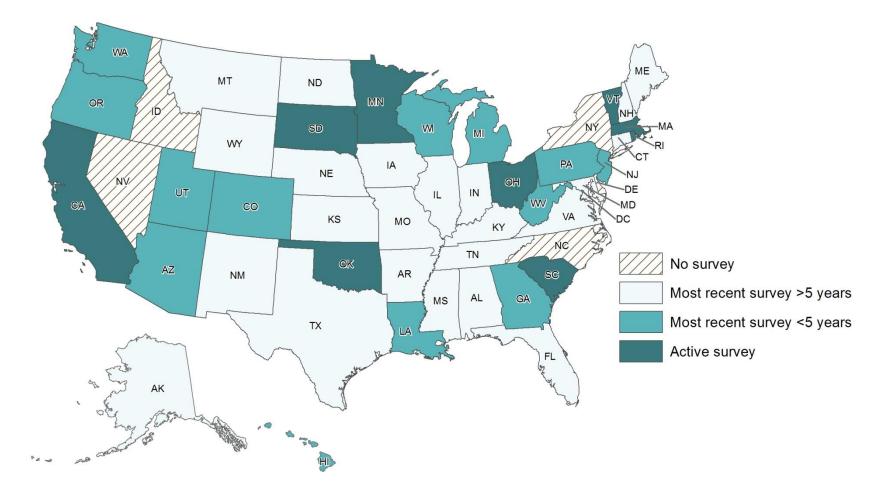
Measures come from Varied Data Sources

- Population surveys
- Employer surveys
- Health care provider data
- Health plan data
- State public program data

 Today's focus: review framework discussing measures available through population surveys



State-specific Household Survey Activity



http://www.shadac.org/content/state-survey-research-activity



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Priority Measures: Coverage

Distribution of Insurance Coverage

Uninsured

Point in time

Uninsured for a year or longer

Uninsured at some point in past year

Reasons for uninsurance

Exempt from mandate

Paying penalty

Public Coverage

Enrollment trend

Participation rate

- Churning

Health Insurance Exchange

 Nongroup coverage: exchange and as % of market

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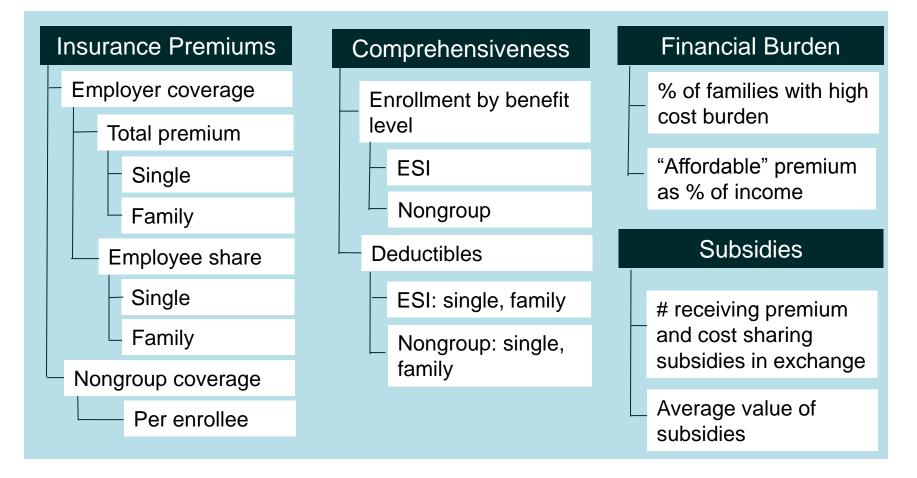
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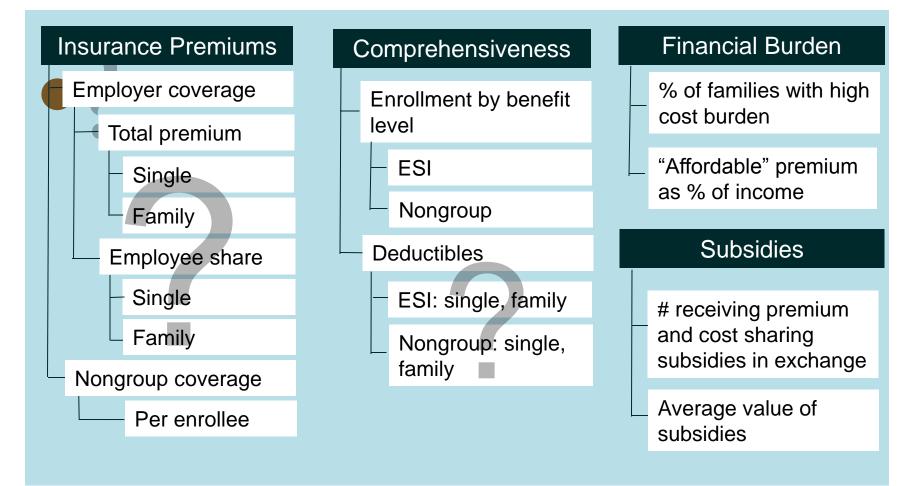


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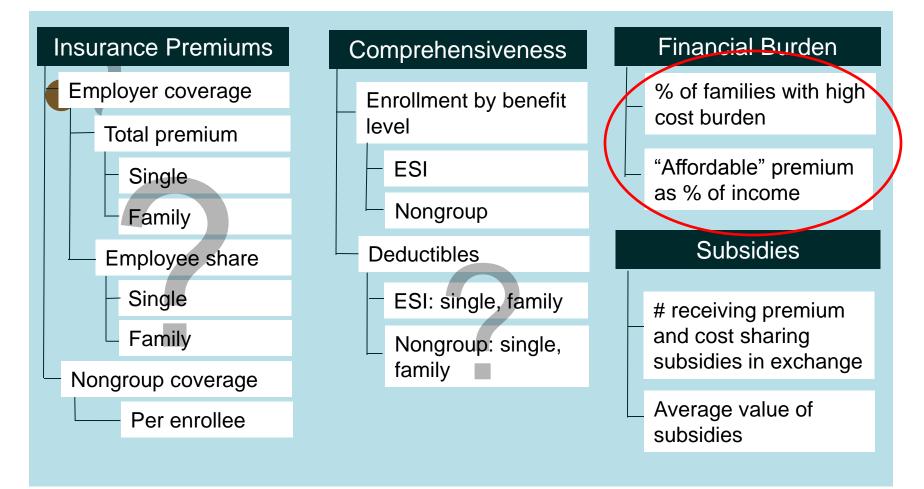


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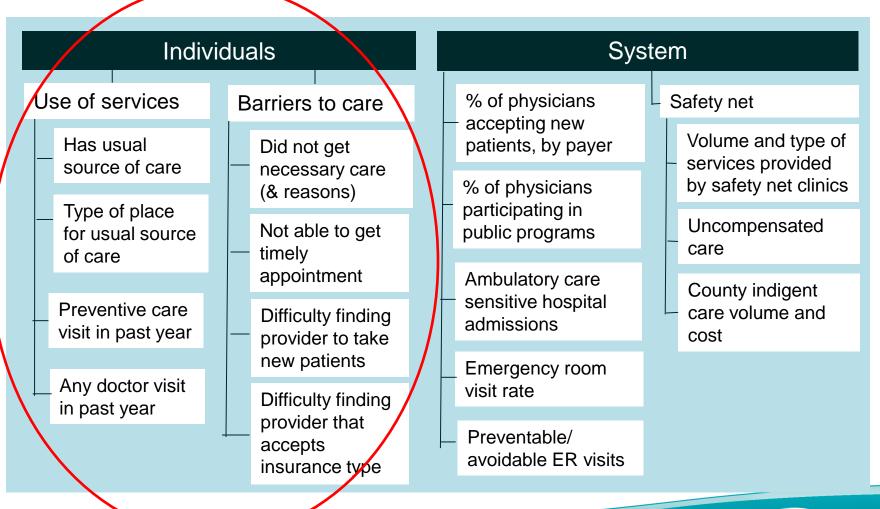
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Priority Measures: Access to Care

Individuals		System
Use of services	Barriers to care	% of physicians Safety net
Has usual source of care	Did not get	 accepting new patients, by payer Volume and type of services provided
	<pre>necessary care (& reasons)</pre>	% of physicians by safety net clinics
Type of place for usual source	 Not able to get timely appointment Difficulty finding provider to take new patients Difficulty finding provider that accepts insurance type 	participating in public programs care
of care		Ambulatory care
Preventive care visit in past year		- sensitive hospital admissions - County indigent care volume and cost
		Emergency room
Any doctor visit in past year		visit rate
		Preventable/ avoidable ER visits



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Concluding comments

- State-specific surveys provide data in all three priority areas: coverage, affordability, access
- State-specific survey advantage
 - Wide range of policy relevant questions
 - Flexibility to alter survey content
 - Quick turnaround availability
- State-specific survey have and will continue to play a role in monitoring health reform



Complete copy of the Framework report is available at:

http://www.shadac.org/publications/framework-tracking-impactsaffordable-care-act-in-california

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