

# Using State Surveys to Evaluate Health Care Reform

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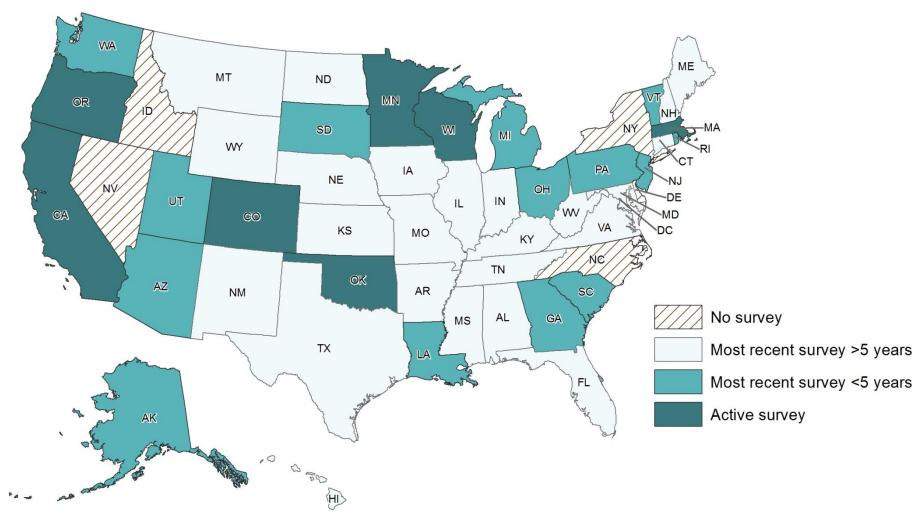
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#### Overview

- Overview of state survey activity
- Description of State Reform Survey Workgroup goals and activities
- Value and challenges of state surveys

## State-Specific Household Survey Activity



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

## State Survey Reform Workgroup

- Formed Fall 2010 to provide guidance on priority data needs for monitoring progress on health reform efforts
- 44 members across 18 states and 1 territory:
  - Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida,
    Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey,
    Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South
    Carolina, Utah, Vermont, U.S. Virgin Islands,
    Washington, and Wisconsin

## Workgroup Activities

- Conference call, December 2010
  - Coverage
    - Navigability/Experiences with health insurance
  - Affordability
  - Access
    - Provider supply
    - Emergency department use
    - Usual source of care/medical home
- Survey of priorities, March 2011
- Compilation of survey items began Fall 2012



#### **State Reform Survey Domains**

(in order of priority within domain)

#### Coverage

- Navigability
- Difficulty purchasing insurance
- Problems experienced with coverage
- Difficulty enrolling in public program

#### Affordability of Care

- Out-of-pocket costs
- Forgone care due to costs
- Problems paying medical bills
- Financial problems caused by health care costs

#### **Emergency Department Use**

- Use of ED for non-emergency care
- Number of ED visits in past 12 months
- Reason for ED care

#### Usual Source of Care

- Usual source of care and type
- Multi-dimensional medical home series
- Care coordination
- Reason no usual source of care

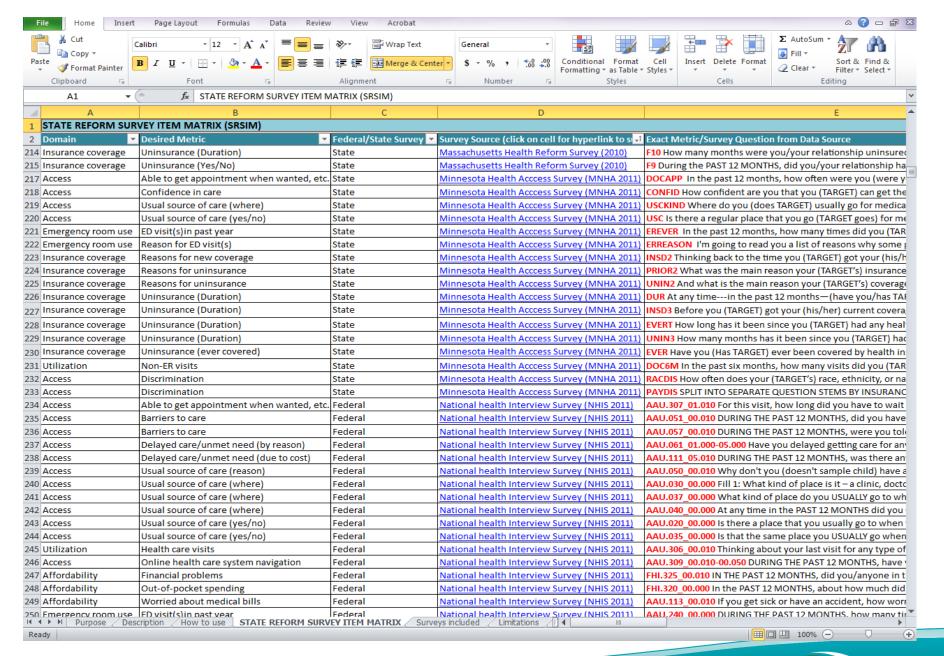
#### Provider Supply Barriers

Problems finding a provider



## State Reform Survey Item Matrix (SRSIM)

- Excel file with sort and filter functions; can filter multiple columns at the same time
- Features state surveys (19 states; I territory) and includes NHIS, CPS and Commonwealth Fund survey
- Limitations
  - Does not include evaluative component
  - Items are out of context reviewing placement made easy via hyperlinks to survey source



## Value and challenges of state surveys

- State-specific surveys provide data in all three priority areas: coverage, affordability, access
  - Consistency in domains; less uniformity in items
  - Less resources for testing new item
- State-specific survey advantages and challenges
  - Flexibility to alter survey content to include new policy relevant questions
  - Quick turnaround data availability
  - Survey cost and population coverage
- State-specific survey have and will continue to play a role in monitoring health reform

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