



SHADAC Announcements

National and State-level Trends in a Widening Drug Overdose Epidemic: SHADAC Briefs



Though the United States opioid epidemic has been ongoing for nearly the past two decades, variations in the crisis have become especially pronounced in recent years—both in terms of states most affected as well as the drug type of highest concern, which has moved away from prescription opioid painkillers to heroin, synthetic opioids, and, most recently, to opioid-related drugs cocaine and psychostimulants. SHADAC has produced [two new opioid and opioid-related drug overdose briefs](#) that highlight these new trends and focus on changes in overdose deaths across [the nation](#) and among [the states](#) in more recent years, especially in 2018.

SHADAC COVID-19 Survey Chartbooks: COVID-19 Impacts on Health Insurance Coverage, Access and Affordability, and Pandemic Stress and Coping Responses

Earlier this year SHADAC circulated two issue briefs documenting the results of our COVID-19 Survey designed to measure the impacts of the novel coronavirus on [health care access and insurance coverage](#), as well as [COVID-related worries and coping responses](#), for adults in the United States. SHADAC has translated additional results from the SHADAC COVID-19 Survey into a series of data visualizations presented in [two chartbooks](#) divided by overall category and include breakdowns by age, gender, race/ethnicity, health status, income level, and more.



State Approaches to Risk Adjustment Based on Social Factors and Strategies for Filling Data Gaps: SHADAC and SHVS Brief



A new State Health & Value Strategies (SHVS) [brief](#), authored by SHADAC researchers, explores concepts of social determinants of health (SDOH) being used in some states to augment existing health care risk-adjustment tools. The [brief](#) details three approaches—using survey data, using claims and administrative data, and using a combination of both—to solving the question of where to obtain relevant SDOH data and highlights the experience of two states, Minnesota and Massachusetts.

Upcoming Webinar: SHADAC and Census Bureau Researchers Talk 2019 Insurance Coverage Estimates from the ACS and CPS

SHADAC will be hosting our annual webinar with experts from the U.S. Census Bureau on Wednesday, September 23, at 12:00 PM Central (1:00 PM EST). SHADAC and Census researchers will discuss 2019 health insurance coverage estimates at both the national and state level from the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC), which will be released by the Census Bureau on September 17th. [Register now](#) to join the conversation.



Data, Analysis, and Trends from the States

Kentucky 2020 Consumer Healthcare Experience State Survey (CHESS)

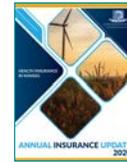


A new [data brief](#) from Altarum Healthcare Value Hub examines worries about health care affordability for residents in Kentucky. Key findings showed that 58% of respondents reported experiencing health care affordability burdens in the past year and 77% of respondent have worries about affording health care in the future. [Data for the brief](#) were collected as part of the Consumer Healthcare Experience State Survey (CHESS) and also cover related affordability issues such as remaining uninsured or avoiding or delaying care due to worries about cost.

Kansas Annual Insurance Update 2020

The Kansas Health Institute recently published their [annual health insurance report](#) for 2019. The report highlighted the number of Kansans with employer-based coverage (56.3%), which has remained relatively

stable since 2009. Additionally, [the report](#) found that public coverage has increased over the last decade from 23.9% in 2009 to 28.8% in 2018 while direct purchase coverage has dropped slightly over time from 6.4% in 2009 to 6.2% in 2018.



Payment and Delivery System Advancement in the States

MACPAC Issue Brief Discusses Directed Payments in Medicaid Managed Care



A recent Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission (MACPAC) [issue brief](#) reviews a 2016 Medicaid rule that expanded options for states to require managed care plans to use “directed payments” to reimburse providers. The [brief](#) explores the two main types of payments—fee-for-service (FFS) and supplemental payments— and provides an overview of the use of directed payments based on a MACPAC review of payments approved beginning in June 2019.

Efforts in Three States to Use ACOs to Improve Medicaid Oral Health Care: A New NASHP Report

As part of efforts to enact health system reform via accountable care organizations, a new National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) [brief](#) examines three differing approaches in Colorado, Maine, and Oregon toward integrating primary and oral health care to improve overall health. The [brief](#) outlines each state’s work toward improving access to oral health services as well as improving cost-saving measures.



Other Data News & SHADAC Resources

2019 BRFSS and YRBSS Data Now Available from the CDC



Two large federal surveys conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#) and the [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\)](#) recently released results from 2019. Data files for the BRFSS are available at both the national and individual state levels, and data files for the YRBSS are available for both middle school and high school categories, as well as for the nation and individual states.

SHADAC Blog Discusses Race/Ethnicity Data in CMS Medicaid T-MSIS Analytic Files

A recent [SHADAC blog](#) highlights the important role Medicaid plays in providing coverage and care to vulnerable populations, particularly during economic downturns such as the one currently caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, making the ability to evaluate enrollment, access to services, and quality of care by race and ethnicity critical. To that end, the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) had release guidance on the completeness of race/ethnicity data in their Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System, or T-MSIS, Analytic Files (TAF). The blog further details how to understand the data completeness rankings in order to help guide researchers considering use of the data.



Now Available on State Health Compare: Twelve New or Updated Data Measures



SHADAC has added [one new data measure and updated eleven existing measures](#) with the latest available estimates from 2018 and 2019 on [our State Health Compare](#) web tool. The updated measures come from the Health Insurance Coverage, Cost of Care, Public Health, Health Behaviors and Outcomes, and Quality of Care categories. The newest measure, [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#), defines the percent of children (age 0-17) who report having experienced none, one, or multiple traumatic events, or adverse experiences on a yearly basis.

Other Resources

2018 Snapshot of Children with Medicaid by Race/Ethnicity

As Medicaid and CHIP are primary sources of coverage among vulnerable populations, a [new brief](#) from the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families (CCF) looks at 2018 Medicaid coverage data for children from low-income families, specifically by race and ethnicity, as children of color are more likely to be disadvantaged. The [analysis](#) examines national and statewide levels of coverage, comparing each state’s total population of children to the share of children covered by Medicaid overall, compared to the percentage of children with Medicaid by race as well as by ethnicity.



Results from the Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 2020

The Commonwealth Fund has released initial results from their Biennial Health Insurance Survey for the first half of 2020 in a recent [issue brief](#). Key findings from the survey indicated that 43.4% of U.S. adults (age 19-64) were inadequately insured in the first half of this year, while 21.3% were underinsured, 9.5% reported being insured at one point during the year but also experienced a coverage gap, and 12.5% were completely uninsured. The survey also provides breakdowns of insurance coverage by race/ethnicity and



income level categories, and discusses respondent concerns regarding affordability of care.

Recommended Reading

[Foundations Help Fight Effects and Roots of COVID-19](#)

HealthAffairs Grantwatch Blog

[\(Update\) Advances in States' Reporting of COVID-19 Health Equity Data](#)

Emily Zylla & Sidney Bernard; SHADAC and State Health and Value Strategies (SHVS)

[Essential Workers Have a 13% Uninsured Rate, Making Some States More At-Risk for Essential Workers](#)

Adam Johnson; QuoteWizard

[After drop in 2018, newer data indicate a resurgence in drug overdose deaths](#)

Colin Planalp; SHADAC Blog

[Dismantling and Reconstructing the U.S. Immigration System: A Catalog of Changes](#)

Sarah Pierce & Jessica Bolter; Migration Policy Institute

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