Announcements

SHADAC Director Lynn Blewett’s Commentary on Supreme Court Decision
Read her synopsis of key components of the Affordable Care Act and response to the ruling at SHADAC’s blog.

SHADAC’s AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Presentations Now Available
Slide decks from SHADAC research presented at the Academy Health Annual Research meeting are available for download:

- Kathleen Call, "Monitoring Health Reform Efforts: Which State Level Data to Use?"
- Julie Sonier, "Modeling the Impacts of the ACA on Health Insurance Coverage: A New Tool for States" (also presented at the State Health Research and Policy Interest Group)
- Brett Fried, "Combining Data from National Surveys to Improve Estimates of the Population Eligible for Medicaid."
- Donna Spencer, "State-Level Analyses of the NHIS to Support Implementation and Evaluation of Health Reform."
- Gilbert Gonzales, "State Variation in Health Insurance Coverage for Same-Sex Couples: Results from the American Community Survey."

AcademyHealth Presentations by SHARE Grantees
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Colorado Adult Uninsurance Estimates

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SHARE grantees presenting at the 2012 AcademyHealth Annual Research meeting and the 2012 State Health Policy and Research Interest Group meeting included: Joel Cantor, Director of the Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy; Derek DeLia, Associate Research Professor at the Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy; and Ian Hill, Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute. Click here to view their presentations on young adult dependent coverage and on Louisiana’s pioneering use of express-lane eligibility to automatically enroll children in CHIP coverage.

Kathleen Call Presents on American Community Survey at National Academy of Sciences

SHADAC Investigator Kathleen Call presented, "Monitoring Health Access using the American Community Survey" at the National Research Council of the National Academy of Science's Workshop on the Benefits (and Burdens) of the American Community Survey in Washington, DC on June 14.

SHARE Brief: Implementing Eligibility Changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Cheryl Camillo, Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, has authored "Implementing Eligibility Changes under the Affordable Care Act: Issues Facing State Medicaid and CHIP Programs." This SHARE-funded analysis evaluates the Medicaid and CHIP eligibility changes that states will need to implement under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), identifying the most salient issues that states will need to consider in order to ensure that the new eligibility determination and renewal processes for these programs are effective. The report is the first in a series of three briefs, the second two of which will be released in the coming weeks.

Joel Cantor's SHARE Research to Be
**Featured in *Health Services Research* Special Issue**

SHARE-funded research by Joel Cantor, Director of the Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy, has been invited for publication in the AcademyHealth 2012 Annual Research Meeting (ARM) special issue of *Health Services Research (HSR)*. Dr. Cantor presented the invited analysis at ARM in his presentation titled "Did the Affordable Care Act’s Dependent Coverage Provision Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Young Adults?"

**Resources**

**National Academy of State Health Policy’s (NASHP) State Reform Webinar on Supreme Court’s ACA Decision**

State Reformer will host the webinar, "The Curtain Rises on the Next Act: State Implications of the Supreme Court’s ACA Decision," on July 9, 3:00 to 4:30 PM EDT. [Register at this link.](#) Panelists will include: Alan Weil, Executive Director, NASHP; Sonya Schwartz, Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy; Charles Milligan, Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Dennis Smith, Secretary of Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services.

**CMS Requests Public Input on Income Conversion Using MAGI**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is [requesting public comment](#) on two potential methods by which states could convert current Medicaid income eligibility thresholds, which are based on net income, to equivalent Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) levels. This conversion process is significant because the resulting threshold will be used, along with other information, to determine which enrollees will be considered “newly eligible” in 2014. States will receive the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for these enrollees in 2014. SHADAC will be
providing technical assistance to states as they work to implement income conversion.

**State-by-State Profiles of Dual Eligibles**
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted the Medicare-Medicaid Enrollee State Profiles. The state profiles examine demographic characteristics, utilization, and spending patterns of Medicare-Medicaid enrollees and the programs that serve them in each state.

**National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR) Posts State Maps Online**
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has provided a web-based portal of state maps based on data from the NHQR. This tool allows users to select state maps to explore the quality of a state’s health care against national rates or best performing states. Measures include overall health care quality, types of care, settings of care, five clinical conditions, and more.

**Reports and Data Release from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**
NCHS released several new reports and data from the 2011 National Health Interview Survey.

- "Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, 2011" presents uninsured estimates by poverty status and by two new age groups: persons aged 0-18 years and adults aged 19-25. This year state-level estimates are presented for 32 states for persons of all ages, persons under age 65 and adults aged 18-64 years. State-level estimates are presented for 25 states for children aged 0-17 years.

- "Wireless Substitution: Early Release of Estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, July-December 2011" shows that, in the second half of 2011, 34% of American homes were wireless-only and 16% were wireless-mostly. As such, half of
American households now receive all or nearly all calls on cell phones.

- The 2011 NHIS public use data files and supporting documentation are now available at the NHIS download page. This release contains the core questions, enhanced questions on health care access and utilization, and additional supplemental questions in the family questionnaire on the subject of food security, adult questionnaire on the subjects of fitness center use and immunization, and child questionnaire on the subjects of mental health, mental health services, and immunization.

**National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)**

**National Conference and Data User Workshop**

The NCHS’ 2012 National Conference on Health Statistics will be held August 6-8, 2012 in Washington, DC. This biennial conference focuses on the critical impact of public health data on the health and well-being of the U.S. population. The 2012 Conference will emphasize current NCHS data activities and their relationship to today’s key health issues. Registration is free and open at this link.

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) Data Users Workshop will be held on August 9, 2012 at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). NCHS is located in Hyattsville, MD. Registration for this all-day workshop is free and available at this link. The workshop will provide an overview of the NHIS, questionnaires and supplements, sample design, and accessing and using the microdata. Ample time will be available for interacting with the presenters and other NHIS experts from the NCHS staff.

**News from the States**

**Colorado Adult Uninsurance Estimates**

The Colorado Health Institute released, ”Health Insurance
Status of Colorado Adults: 2012 Update.” Using data from the 2010 American Community Survey, the authors found about one in five Colorado non-elderly adults did not have health insurance in 2010. Adults represent about 83% of Colorado’s uninsured. The uninsured rate for adults varies dramatically by region, and 40% of the uninsured adults have annual incomes below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), or about $29,000 for a family of four. Nearly two-thirds (63%) of uninsured adults are employed.

Colorado Report on Affordable Care Act Implications
The Colorado Health Institute released "The Supreme Court Ruling on the Affordable Care Act: Implications for Colorado." This analysis predicts that about a half-million uninsured Coloradans will gain health insurance by 2016 because the health law is moving forward. These newly-insured Coloradans - those who will become eligible for an expanded Medicaid program, middle-income individuals and families who will qualify for government subsidies to purchase insurance, and employees of small and some larger businesses who aren’t currently offered coverage - will most likely have significant implications for Colorado’s insurance market as well as how health care is delivered in the state.

Massachusetts Report on the Individual Mandate
The Massachusetts Health Connector and Department of Revenue released "Data on the Individual Mandate, Tax Year 2010." This report provides analysis of tax year 2010 data on the health insurance status of adult tax filers in Massachusetts. Results show near universal compliance with the requirement to report health insurance information on tax filings, and a continued high rate of insurance coverage in the state. Over 96% of tax filers who filed a Schedule HC were insured at some point during 2010, which was unchanged from the previous year. The results from 2010 are consistent with other
state and federal surveys that suggest a continued high rate of insurance coverage in the state.

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