

State Health Access Program (SHAP) Grant Summary: NEVADA

Project Title: Nevada's Health Access Project

2009 Award Amount: \$ 4,000,000

Target Population: Low-income residents between 60 and 64 years old; all Nevada residents

Grantee Organization: State of Nevada, Health Division

Partner Organizations: Access to Healthcare Network, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Great Basin HealthNet, Health Plan of Nevada (HPA) Nevada Division for Aging Services, PPN Health Access, Primary Care Office, University of Nevada-Reno, other unnamed partners TBD

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STATE SHAP GRANT GOAL

Nevada's SHAP funding will be used to increase coverage, access, and the use of medical homes to Nevadans, specifically targeting low-income 60- to 64-year-old residents, through the following objectives:

- **Statewide plan for sustainable health care:** Grant funds will subsidize creation of the Center for Sustainable Healthcare (in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno), which will develop sustainable strategies and solutions to address Nevada's health care crisis. The Center for Sustainable Healthcare will also help the state's Division of Health Care Financing and Policy in the implementation of an online application process for Medicaid and Nevada Check-Up (CHIP). In addition to the Center for Sustainable Healthcare, Nevada SHAP funding will create a Call Center that will refer potential program enrollees to the health care programs named above. Call Center revenue will sustain the Center for Sustainable Healthcare after the SHAP program has finished.
- **Outreach and enrollment for target population:** This outreach and enrollment will be targeted at low-income 60- to 64-year-olds, and funding will enhance the capabilities of Great Basin HealthNet and Access to Healthcare Network.
- **Provide target population with quality health insurance:** Health Plan of Nevada (HPA) will provide the target population with a comprehensive benefit package, in compliance with state law, with a low yearly deductible and low co-payments. Care ordered by a primary care physician or a specialist will be provided at a discount through the Access to Healthcare Network, and care denied due to pre-existing conditions or carve-outs will be provided by Access to Healthcare Network providers.
- **Offer client-friendly navigation and wellness services to enrollees:** At the end of the SHAP grant period, the state will compare the health status of the above enrollees with those transitioning to Medicare who are not receiving SHAP-funded care.
- **Monitor the health status and satisfaction of new enrollees:** The state will monitor consumer grievances, as well as indicators from the National Committee on Quality Assurance Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)

EVALUATION PLAN

The Health Division (in partnership with the University of Nevada Reno and PPN Network) will monitor implementation of the plan for sustainable healthcare, effectiveness and appropriateness of outreach materials, medical home use, enrollee satisfaction and health status (compared with a similar non-enrolled population), program costs, and HEDIS indicators. Health status and social value measurements have yet to be identified, and will be used consistently throughout the five-year project period.

PAST STATEWIDE SURVEY ACTIVITY

www.shadac.org/content/survey-resources

None

NEVADA'S HEALTH REFORM ENVIRONMENT

STATE	PERCENT UNINSURED ¹			MEDICAID AND SCHIP ELIGIBILITY, as % of FPL ²			EMPLOYER SPONSORED COVERAGE			EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS		FY 2009 BUDGET GAP ³	
	Total (0-64)	Adults (19-64)	Kids (≤18)	Kids (≤18)	Par-ents	Child-less Adults	Private Firms Offer. ⁴	Take-up of Cvg. ⁵	% with Cvg. ⁶	% Unem-ployed ⁷	Median Income ⁸	Gap	As % of FY2009 Budget
USA	17.2%	20.0%	10.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a	56.4%	78.7%	62.4%	9.8%	\$51,233	n/a	n/a
NV	20.1%	21.5%	17.1%	200% ⁹	27%	--	62.8%	72.1%	66.7%	13.3%	\$55,440	\$1.6b	19.9%

Nevada's population has more than doubled since 1990, and nearly 90% of the state's 2.5 million people live in the Las Vegas and Reno metropolitan areas; it is expected that the population will double again by 2030. Nevada has a relatively high level of unemployment when compared with other states, as well as a much higher level of home foreclosure.¹⁰ Nevada also has a disproportionately low rate of Medicaid coverage (7%, compared to the US average of 14%).

Although the 2007 Nevada Legislative Committee on Health Care proposed a number of measures to improve access and coverage, as well as wellness and preventative care, no reform legislation was read in the Nevada state legislature between 2007 and 2008. Legislation proposing presumptive eligibility for certain Medicaid applicants died in 2009, but legislation did pass that eliminated coverage for non-medical vision services. The state's budget shortfall has led to a proposed reduction in Medicaid coverage for the elderly, blind, and disabled.

Nevada's private insurance market is largely divided between Anthem BCBS and United.

¹ Source: CPS, health insurance coverage estimates, 2007-2008.

² Source: State Coverage Initiatives, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

³ Source: Kaiser State Health Facts, as of November 20, 2009.

⁴ Source: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS), 2008.

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⁶ Source: CPS, health insurance coverage estimates, 2007-2008.

⁷ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Sept. 2009.

⁸ Source: US Census Bureau, 2007-2008.

⁹ Nevada Medicaid/SCHIP eligibility: 133% FPL (ages 0-5); 100% FPL (ages 6-19); 200% FPL (SCHIP expansion)

¹⁰ Source: Kaiser State Health Facts.