

Announcements

RWJF Renews SHADAC Funding

SHADAC has been awarded a three-year renewal grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). "RWJF's continued support is great news for us as our country tackles critical health policy issues," said SHADAC Principal Investigator Lynn Blewett. "We're very pleased to have the opportunity to continue providing policy-relevant information for the states." Look for new resources from SHADAC, such as our Census Bureau Research Data Center opening later this year.

Find SHADAC at AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting

SHADAC researchers will attend the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting and adjunct State Health Policy Interest Group meeting. SHADAC will also participate as an exhibitor and we invite you to drop by our booth to say hello and share your thoughts and ideas. The schedule of presentations includes:

- Lynn Blewett moderates a panel at the State Health Research and Policy Interest Group Meeting, "Early Results from the State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) Program," on Saturday, June 27 (2:30 to 4:30 pm).
- Michael Davern chairs a panel titled, "Unstable Ground? Comparing Income, Poverty & Health Insurance Estimates from Major National Surveys," on Sunday, June 29, 4:45-6:15PM.
- Lynn Blewett is a panelist for the session, "Using Research in the Real World," on Monday, June 29 (3:00-4:30PM).
- Peter Graven presents the poster, "Premiums Cut Further into Compensation: Changes from 2001-2005," on Sunday, June 28, Poster session A (12:45-2:15 PM).
- Michel Boudreaux presents the poster, "Prevalence, Correlates & Impact of Substance Use Disorders in PTSD Disability Seekers at the Department of Veterans Affairs," on Monday, June 29, Poster session B (8:00-9:30 AM).
- Justine Nelson presents the poster, "Health Insurance Coverage among Diverse Family Types," on Monday, June 29, Poster session B (8:00-9:30 AM).
- Karen Soderberg presents the poster, "State-level Wireless Substitution Estimates from the NHIS," on Monday, June 29, Poster session C (6:30-8:00 PM).

Welcome Carrie Au-Yeung

SHADAC welcomes new staff member Carrie Au-Yeung, recently hired as Research Fellow to support the State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE) National Program Office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, housed at SHADAC. She recently completed her MPH in community health education with an emphasis on public health policy.

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SHADAC and SHARE RSS Blog Feeds - New URL

As of May 1, 2009, the SHADAC and SHARE RSS blog feed url has changed. If you subscribed to the SHADAC and/or SHARE RSS blog feed before May 1, 2009, and wish to continue to receive our blog feeds, please update the url:

- To subscribe to both SHADAC and SHARE blog entries: <http://www.shadac.org/bridging-the-gap/%2A/feed>
- To subscribe to SHADAC blog entries only: <http://www.shadac.org/bridging-the-gap/shadac/feed>

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Publications



Out-of-Pocket Spending Article Published

"Measuring adequacy of coverage for the privately insured: New state estimates to monitor trends in health insurance coverage," authored by Lynn Blewett, Holly Rodin, Gestur Davidson and Michael Davern, was recently published in *Medical Care Research and Review* (volume 66, issue 2, pages 167-180). This article examines state-level out-of-pocket spending among the privately insured.

[View the abstract](#)

American Community Survey Article Published

"The American Community Survey and health insurance coverage estimates: Possibilities and challenges for health policy researchers," authored by Michael Davern, Brian Quinn, Jenny

Kenney and Lynn Blewett, was recently published in *Health Services Research* (volume 44, issue 2, part 1, pages 593-605). This article provides an overview of the American Community Survey sample design and health insurance questions. The first year of data reflecting 2008 health insurance estimates will be released in late summer.

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Presentations

SHADAC Presentations at AAPOR

SHADAC researchers presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), held May 14-17 in Hollywood, Florida. The presentations included:

- Kathleen Call, "Can Post-Stratification Adjustments Correct Telephone Survey Estimates for Coverage Bias Associated with Not Sampling Cell Phone Only Households?" [View the presentation](#)
- Mike Davern, "Using Survey to Administrative Record Linkage Studies to Partially Correct Survey Program Participation for Timely Policy Research Purposes." [View the presentation](#)
- Jeanette Ziegenfuss, "A Correction for the Full-Supplement Imputation Bias in the Current Population Survey's Annual and Social Economic Supplement." [View the presentation](#)

News from the States

Colorado Children's Coverage Brief Released

The Colorado Health Institute released an issue brief titled, "Colorado Children's Health Insurance - 2009 Update." This brief summarizes these analyses and includes a discussion of the number of uninsured and privately insured children in Colorado based on reported family income, the number of uninsured children in Colorado (at the state and county levels) who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid and CHP+, and a subset of uninsured immigrant children who are currently ineligible for Medicaid or CHP+.

[View the brief](#)

Michigan Coverage Report Released

Michigan's Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation (CHRT) released the first edition of "Cover Michigan - The State of health care coverage in Michigan." This report provides a comprehensive picture of health coverage in Michigan to complement national reports depicting trends in health coverage and provide the public and policy makers with a single source of information on health coverage in Michigan.

[View the report](#)

Minnesota Updates Data Chartbooks

The Minnesota Department of Health, Health Economics Program has recently updated their Health Care Markets Chartbook. These chartbooks offer the latest information on health care spending and cost drivers, trends and variation in coverage, employment-based health insurance, small group and individual markets, public programs, uninsurance and the safety net, health plans, and health care providers and service availability.

[View the chartbook page](#)

Oregon Health Insurance Report Released

The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, regulator of commercial health insurance, published this third

annual "Health Insurance in Oregon" report to provide useful information to those who are engaged in policy discussions. The report describes the health insurance market in Oregon, the current rules governing the market, and the financial performance of the eight largest health insurers. The 2009 report is the third annual report of this nature and reflects recent legislative changes and financial data collected through the third quarter of 2008.

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SHADAC is a research and policy center at the University of Minnesota that provides technical assistance to state analysts and policy makers across the country in the areas of survey design, data collection and policy development, as well as research on factors contributing to health care coverage and access in the United States. SHADAC is funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For more information see www.shadac.org

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