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**Online Resources for ACA-related Research**

The following are links to organizations and websites acting as online resources for research related to state implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Several of the sites allow users to subscribe to receive email updates and newsletters announcing new projects and publications.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

<http://my.rwjf.org>

RWJF, in collaboration with academic and policy organizations, is funding several initiatives designed to provide access to technical assistance and research-related resources for state implementation of health reform, including:

- State Health Access Data Assistance Center/State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHADAC/SHARE) <http://www.shadac.org/>
- State Health Reform Assistance Network <http://www.rwjf.org/coverage/product.jsp?id=72673>
- State Coverage Initiatives [www.statecoverage.org](http://www.statecoverage.org)
- State Refor(u)m [www.statereforum.org](http://www.statereforum.org)
- Health Reform GPS <http://www.healthreformgps.org/>

RWJF allows users to sign up for email alerts and updates on a variety of topics, including the Synthesis Project, which provide user-friendly briefs that synthesize research findings on policy relevant health topics.

- The Synthesis Project <http://www.rwjf.org/pr/synthesis.jsp>

**Kaiser Family Foundation – Health Reform Source “The Scan”**

<http://healthreform.kff.org/>

<http://healthreform.kff.org/scan.aspx>

**CHCF – Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative**

<http://www.chcf.org/programs/healthreform>

**Insure the Uninsured Project- CaliforniACA: A Monthly Implementation Update**

<http://itup.org/blog/2011/04/21/californiaca-a-monthly-implementation-update/>

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**Population Profiles and Dynamics**

This topic area covers work related to describing the size and characteristics of different population groups and how they may change as the result of ACA implementation. Several projects provide socio-demographic and health profiles for populations gaining coverage through expansions to the Medi-Cal program or the Exchange.

**Completed Work**

- ACA Impact on Small Businesses and Self-Employed, June 2010  
[http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/final\\_bill\\_impact\\_small\\_business10.pdf](http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/final_bill_impact_small_business10.pdf)
- Profiling of the new Medi-Cal and Exchange populations under the ACA, August 2010  
[http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/california\\_exchanges10.pdf](http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/california_exchanges10.pdf)
- Medicaid Benefits for Newly Eligible, July 2010  
<http://www.cbpp.org/files/7-6-10health.pdf>
- Projecting the Impact of the Affordable Care Act in California, January 2011  
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/30/1/63>
- Small Business Survey on Views of the ACA/Listening Sessions, August 2011  
[http://www.smallbusinessmajority.org/reports/PCV\\_small\\_businesses\\_and\\_health\\_care\\_toplevels\\_0211.pdf](http://www.smallbusinessmajority.org/reports/PCV_small_businesses_and_health_care_toplevels_0211.pdf)
- Expanding Medi-Cal: Profiles of Potential New Users, August 2011  
[http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R\\_811HLR.pdf](http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_811HLR.pdf)

**Work in progress**

- Modeling Coverage Estimates under the ACA, UC Berkeley Labor Center, 2011 and 2012
- The Effect of Outreach and Take-Up on Insurance Enrollment, UC Berkeley Labor Center, Fall 2011
- Charting Shifts in Health Insurance Coverage Provision and Enrollment, UC Berkeley Labor Center, Fall 2011
- Geographic and Demographic Breakdown of California Uninsured Population Post ACA Implementation, UC Berkeley Labor Center, Winter 2011
- Addressing potential exposure to subsidy repayment due to income volatility, UC Berkeley Labor Center, Summer/Fall 2012
- Assessing pent-up demand in California's uninsured population, UCLA, Summer/Fall 2012
- Immigrant inclusion in healthcare reform implementation, California Immigrant Policy Center, February 2012

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### Public Programs

This topic area covers work related to public programs and includes studies focused on organization, costs, quality, and coordination with the Exchanges.

### Completed Work

- Community based Non-profit Medicaid Plans and New Health Insurance Exchanges: Opportunities and Challenges, October 2010  
<http://www.communityplans.net/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=pvZ-NUSiRDU%3d&tabid=208&mid=686&forcedownload=true>
- Maximizing Health Care Enrollment through Seamless Coverage for Families in Transition – Background, March 2011  
[http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/seamless\\_coverage11.pdf](http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/seamless_coverage11.pdf)
- Implementing the Medicaid Primary Care Rate Increase: A Roadmap for States, March 2011  
[http://www.chcs.org/usr\\_doc/PC\\_Increase\\_RoadmapDraft\\_3\\_8\\_2011.pdf](http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/PC_Increase_RoadmapDraft_3_8_2011.pdf)
- Exploring the Financial Feasibility of a Basic Health Plan in California, June 2011  
<http://www.mercer-government.mercer.com/basic-health-program/feasibility>
- Implementing Health Homes in a Risk-Based Medicaid Managed Care Delivery System, June 2011  
[http://www.chcs.org/usr\\_doc/Final\\_Brief\\_HH\\_and\\_Managed\\_Care\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/Final_Brief_HH_and_Managed_Care_FINAL.pdf)
- Continuity of Coverage for Medi-Cal Enrollees and Affordability for Low-Income Exchange Population, July 2011  
[http://www.ihaps.org/pubs/Continuity%20for%20Low-Income%20Exchange%20Eligibles%20FINAL\\_20110629.pdf](http://www.ihaps.org/pubs/Continuity%20for%20Low-Income%20Exchange%20Eligibles%20FINAL_20110629.pdf)
- Considerations for State in Linking Medicaid and Health Benefit Exchanges, August 2011  
[http://www.chcs.org/usr\\_doc/10\\_consideration\\_chcsbrief.pdf](http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/10_consideration_chcsbrief.pdf)

### Work in Progress

- Maximizing Health Care Enrollment through Seamless Coverage for Families in Transition- Analysis, UC Berkeley Labor Center, August 2011
- Uptake of Health Information Technology Incentives by Medi-Cal Providers, California Medicaid Research Institute

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### **Health Care Finance and Delivery**

This topic area covers work related to the organization and financing of health care delivery systems. The research projects in this area predominantly focus on the development and evaluation of accountable care organizations (ACOs) and the evolution of the safety net. Much of this work is in progress with much of the forthcoming publications scheduled over the next year.

#### **Completed Work**

- Accountable Care Organizations in California, Lessons for the National Debate on Delivery System Reform, 2010 [http://www.iha.org/pdfs\\_documents/home/ACO\\_whitepaper\\_final.pdf](http://www.iha.org/pdfs_documents/home/ACO_whitepaper_final.pdf)
- Implications of CMS Proposed ACO Regulations for California Policy Makers & Stakeholders, July 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20Files/PDF/A/PDF%20ACOProgrammaticLegalConsiderations.pdf>
- Federal Health Reform: Implications and Opportunities for California – Access to Care, March 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20Files/PDF/I/PDF%20ImplementingHealthReformAccessToCare.pdf>
- How medical homes can advance health equity, November 2010  
<http://www.cpehn.org/pdfs/Medical%20Homes.pdf>

#### **Work in progress**

- Tracking Market Area ACO Development, CHCF, Ongoing
- Implications of ACOs for Rural Health Care, CHCF, August 2011
- ACO Development in the South Los Angeles Healthcare Safety Net, CHCF, September 2011
- ACO Computer Simulation Model, CHCF, September 2011
- Evaluation of Sacramento ACO Project, CHCF, December 2013
- Federal Health Reform: Implications and Opportunities for California – Payment, Delivery, Transparency, CHCF, Fall/Winter 2011
- Best Practices in Health Information Exchange Supporting Medical Homes in the Safety-net, UCSF, January 2012
- Designing and Launching a Local Safety Net Provider Network, UCLA, January 2012
- Adoption of Patient-Centered Medical Home within the Safety Net, UCLA, January 2012
- A Primer on California Community Clinic Funding: Future Prospects and Clinic Options, UCSF, January 2012
- Implications of California's Coverage Expansion: The Exchange and the Safety Net, New America Foundation, Fall 2012

- Strengthening California's Safety Net: Laying the Foundation for Health Care Reform, UCSF, Winter 2012
- Successful strategies for safety net hospitals to compete post ACA, UCSF
- Unauthorized immigrants and safety net resources in California, Public Policy Institute of California Fall 2012
- Opportunities under ACA to better integrate school health centers into the health care delivery system, Winter 2011
- Integration of substance use disorder treatment w/ primary care in preparation for health care reform, UCLA, Fall 2012
- Role of IHSS workers in coordinating care for consumers with chronic conditions, UCSF, Winter 2012
- Evaluation of coordinated care for dual eligible in California, UCSF
- Monitoring of emergency department utilization for Medi-Cal population, UCSF

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**Health Insurance Markets/Purchaser Environment**

This topic area covers work related to the functioning of insurance markets with much of the research focused on the implications of health benefit exchanges. This topic area also includes research focused on understanding the evolving marketplace for entities purchasing insurance including firms, individuals, and the newly created state benefit exchanges.

**Completed Work**

- Adverse Selection Inside/Outside Exchange, August 2010  
<http://www.cbpp.org/files/8-17-10health.pdf>
- Health Benefit Exchange: California vs. Federal Provisions, February 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20Files/PDF/H/PDF%20HealthBenefitExchangeCAvsFederal.pdf>
- Small-Employer (SHOP) Exchange Issues in California, May 2011  
[http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/Documents/Small%20Employer%20\(SHOP\)%20Exchange%20Issues.pdf](http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/Documents/Small%20Employer%20(SHOP)%20Exchange%20Issues.pdf)
- California's Health Benefit Exchange, May 2011  
[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2011/May/1507\\_Weinberg\\_california\\_hlt\\_benefit\\_exchange\\_ib.pdf](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2011/May/1507_Weinberg_california_hlt_benefit_exchange_ib.pdf)
- Adverse Selection Within the Exchange, June 2011  
<http://www.cbpp.org/files/6-28-11health.pdf>
- New Paradigm Plans for Exchange Eligible without Affordable Options, July 2011  
[http://www.ihrs.org/pubs/New\\_Paradigm\\_July2011.pdf](http://www.ihrs.org/pubs/New_Paradigm_July2011.pdf)
- Development and review of Exchange "Visions" papers, August 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2011/08/health-benefit-exchange-visions>
- Effects of Pay for Performance on Quality of Care in Medi-Cal Managed Care, August 2010  
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/8/1507.full.html>

**Work in Progress**

- Risk adjustment in state insurance exchanges, UC Berkeley, Winter 2011
- ACA Small Business Tax Credit Study, Fall 2011

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**Workforce Development**

This topic area covers work examining provider capacity and distribution as well as strategies for addressing potential shortages. The completed studies noted below have been conducted by researchers at UCSF.

**Completed Work**

- Physician supply in California, June 2009  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20FILES/PDF/F/PDF%20FewerAndMoreSpecializedMDSupplyInCA.pdf>
- Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Staffing Patterns in California's Licensed Community Clinics, June 2010  
[http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/Content/8866/2010-06\\_Physician\\_Assistant\\_and\\_Nurse\\_Practitioner\\_Staffing\\_Patterns\\_in\\_California's\\_Licensed\\_Community\\_Clinics\\_2005-2008.pdf](http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/Content/8866/2010-06_Physician_Assistant_and_Nurse_Practitioner_Staffing_Patterns_in_California's_Licensed_Community_Clinics_2005-2008.pdf)
- Physician participation on Medi-Cal , July 2010  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20FILES/PDF/P/PDF%20PhysicianParticipationMediCal2008.pdf>
- California Nurses – Facts and Figures, November 2010  
<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2010/11/california-nurses-facts-and-figures>
- Critical roles: California's Allied Health Workforce, February 2011  
[http://www.calhospital.org/sites/chadocuments.org/files/file-attachments/FINAL.Critical\\_Roles.Feb\\_.9.2011.pdf](http://www.calhospital.org/sites/chadocuments.org/files/file-attachments/FINAL.Critical_Roles.Feb_.9.2011.pdf)
- State's Next Challenge: Securing Primary Care for Expanded Medicaid Populations, February 2011  
<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1011623>
- State Variation in Primary Care Physician Supply: Implications for Health Reform Medicaid Expansions, March 2011  
<http://hschange.org/CONTENT/1192/1192.pdf>
- Physician Willingness and Resources to Serve More Medicaid Patients, April 2011  
<http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/8178.pdf>
- Medicaid expansion in California, July 2011  
<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2011/07/14/medicaid-expansion-and-reform-hopes-and-lessons-from-california/>
- Primary Care Workforce in US, July 2011  
<http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/070811.policysynthesis.workforce.rpt.pdf>

**Work in Progress**

- Monitoring of physician participation in Medi-Cal program, UCSF
- California workforce capacity assessment, UCSF

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### Consumer Experience and Engagement

This topic area covers work focused on understanding consumer perspectives and behavior related to enrollment in and choice of health insurance coverage. Research re “affordability” of health care in the context of the ACA is included here as well. Much of the current research being conducted in this area in relation to ACA implementation is focused on informing outreach and enrollment strategies and includes the development of a prototype for a new enrollment portal.

### **Completed Work**

- Health Risk, Income and Employment Based Health Insurance, the relationship between health risk and the purchase of insurance, 2010.  
<http://www.bepress.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1159&context=fhnp>
- Will the Affordable Care Act Make Health Insurance Affordable, April 2011  
[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2011/Apr/1493\\_Gruber\\_will\\_affordable\\_care\\_act\\_make\\_hlt\\_ins\\_affordable\\_reform\\_brief\\_v2.pdf](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/~media/Files/Publications/Issue%20Brief/2011/Apr/1493_Gruber_will_affordable_care_act_make_hlt_ins_affordable_reform_brief_v2.pdf)
- How Can California Policymakers Help Low-Income Children Benefit from National Health Reform, June 2011  
[http://www.calendow.org/uploadedFiles/Publications/Publications\\_Stories/TCE\\_Health\\_Reform\\_and\\_Children\\_WP\\_v2\\_final\\_pws.pdf](http://www.calendow.org/uploadedFiles/Publications/Publications_Stories/TCE_Health_Reform_and_Children_WP_v2_final_pws.pdf)
- Creating California's No Wrong Door for Health Coverage, July 2011  
[http://www.healthlaw.org/images/stories/healthreform/2011\\_07\\_11\\_Creating\\_Californias\\_No\\_Wrong\\_Door\\_for\\_Health\\_Coverage.pdf](http://www.healthlaw.org/images/stories/healthreform/2011_07_11_Creating_Californias_No_Wrong_Door_for_Health_Coverage.pdf)
- Secret shopper customer enrollment experience in public/private health insurance, August 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/events/2011/briefing-consumer-perspectives-enrollment>

### **Work in progress**

- Consumer Perspectives of Medi-Cal Enrollment, CHCF, August 2011
- Supporting the Launch of Public Access Health-e-App, October 2011
- Consumer Experience Choosing a Health Plan in a Health Insurance Exchange: Evidence from Massachusetts, Harvard
- Coverage Options for Healthy Families Children under the ACA, Fall 2011
- Designing a First-Class User Experience for Affordable Care Act Enrollment, CHCF, 2012
- Ensuring access: engaging communities of color in ACA, UCLA, Fall 2012
- Enlisting Private Sector Methods for Enrolling Individuals in the Exchange and Medicaid, New America Foundation

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**Prevention and Wellness**

This topic area covers work focused on the community/population health and the social determinants of health, as well as understanding how to incorporate those concepts into the health care system.

**Completed Work**

- Community Centered Health Homes: Bridging the Gap Between Health Services and Community Prevention, February 2011  
<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/component/jlibrary/article/id-298/127.html>
- Investing in America's Health: A State-by-State Look at Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts, March 2011  
<http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/Investing%20in%20America's%20Health.pdf>
- Health-Wealth Connection: Opportunities in Federal and State Health Reform, April 2011  
[http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/Health\\_Wealth\\_Connection\\_New\\_America\\_brief\\_0.pdf](http://newamerica.net/sites/newamerica.net/files/policydocs/Health_Wealth_Connection_New_America_brief_0.pdf)

**Work in Progress**

- Monitoring chronic disease management and primary care utilization, Stanford
- Use of financial incentives to help Medi-Cal beneficiaries quit smoking, California Medicaid Research Institute

**Regulatory Environment**

This topic area covers work that describes new regulatory provisions resulting from the ACA and their implications for California programs and agencies and could also include some of the studies on the Exchanges and Accountable Care Organizations that are included in the Health Insurance Markets and Health Care Finance and Delivery topic areas, respectively.

**Completed Work**

- What Does Federal Health Reform Mean for Health Insurance Regulation in California?, June 2011  
<http://www.chcf.org/~media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20Files/PDF/R/PDF%20ReadyReformHealthInsuranceRegulationACA.pdf>

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This topic area includes research focused on understanding the potential impacts of various ACA provisions and providing insights on evaluation strategies and outcome measures.

**Completed Work**

- State Budgets Under Health Reform: The Extent and Causes of Variation in Estimated Impacts, February 2011  
<http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8149.pdf>
- Measuring the Impact of Outreach and Enrollment Strategies for Public Programs in California, February 2011  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1475-6773.2010.01202.x/pdf>
- A Framework for Tracking the Impacts of the ACA in California, June 2011  
[http://www.shadac.org/files/shadac/publications/CHCF\\_Report\\_Jun2011.pdf](http://www.shadac.org/files/shadac/publications/CHCF_Report_Jun2011.pdf)
- The Impacts of the Affordable Care Act: How Reasonable are the Projections, June 2011  
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w17168.pdf>
- State-level Estimates of Costs and Savings Associated with ACA Expansions, July 2011  
<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/412361-consider-savings.pdf>

**Work in Progress**

- Evaluation of hospital utilization patterns in California before and after implementation of ACA, UCSF
- Evaluation of county Low-Income Health Programs, California Medicaid Research Institute