

Other Medicaid Resources

Alliance for Healthcare Reform: <http://www.allhealth.org/>

The Alliance for Healthcare Reform is a non-partisan, non-profit group that focuses on the tandem goals of extending health coverage to all Americans and containing health care costs. The Alliance provides issue briefs on various health issues, including the uninsured, rising health care costs, managed care, and prescription drugs. A Medicaid resource site is available that lists briefings, documents, and publications that are ranked in order of relevance as designated by Alliance (<http://www.allhealth.org/issues.asp?wi=6>).

The Brookings Institute: <http://www.brookings.edu/>

In its research, the Brookings Institution functions as an independent analyst and critic committed to publishing its findings for the information of the public. It brings new knowledge to the attention of decision-makers and affords scholars a better insight into public policy issues.

Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS): <http://www.chcs.org>

CHCS is a nonprofit, policy resource center that promotes better health care services for low-income populations and people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. CHCS conducts policy analyses, tests model products, and provides “real world” training and technical assistance.

Center for Studying Health System Change (HSC): <http://www.hschange.org>

HSC is a Washington-based research organization dedicated to studying how the country's health care systems are changing and how those changes are affecting people at the community level.

Center for Rural Health – University of North Dakota:

<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/>

The federally designated State Office of Rural Health provides publications, briefs, and resources for rural health issues and policy.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: <http://www.cbpp.org/>

The policy organization's website includes policy analysis of federal and state fiscal policy and programs affecting low- to moderate-income families/individuals. The health policy analyses include topics such as SCHIP and Medicaid.

The Commonwealth Fund: <http://www.cmwf.org>

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that supports independent research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health care practice and policy. The fund is dedicated to helping people become more informed about their health care and improving care for vulnerable populations such as children, elderly people, low-income families, minority Americans, and the uninsured.

Duke University Health Policy Gateway: <http://www.hpolicy.duke.edu/cyberexchange>

The cyber-exchange aims to contribute to evidence-based health policy decisions. Duke's Center for Health Policy, Law & Management aims to stimulate and facilitate collaborative interdisciplinary research, drawing in particular on expertise in the social sciences, law and management, and to disseminate research findings on health policy to persons who make health policy decisions.

Families USA: <http://www.familiesusa.org/>

Families USA advocates “high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans”, and the website provides information supporting this cause. The Medicaid information available includes a Medicaid waiver state tracking tool, Deficit Reduction Act issue briefs, and reports/resources from Families USA, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, and Mathematica Policy Research Inc.

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP): <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/>

ORHP promotes better health care service in rural America. The Office informs and advises the DHHS on matters affecting rural hospitals and health care, coordinates activities within the department that relate to rural health care, and maintains a national information clearinghouse. The Office works both within government at federal, state and local levels, and with the private sector to seek solutions to rural health care problems.

Kaiser Family Foundation: <http://www.kff.org/>

The website provides reports and data covering a broad range of health care issues. Specifically, Medicaid and SCHIP topics include children, enrollment and outreach, long-term care, low-income families, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid dual enrollees, people with disabilities, prescription drugs, spending & budgets, and waivers.

The Heritage Foundation: <http://author.heritage.org/>

The think tank's website includes research and reports pertaining to a broad range of economic and social issues, including health care. The information covers policy issues such as Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP.

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.: <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/>

The policy research firm provides unbiased research to aid in policy decisions, including health issues. The health policy research information includes, but is not limited to, topics such as health administrative data, health informatics, health surveys, Medicaid and SCHIP, mental health/substance abuse, public health, and state health policy.

Murphy's Unofficial Medicaid Page: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/5974>

Includes links to all state Medicaid sites, and many other Medicaid resources on the Web.

National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP): <http://www.nashp.org>

NASHP is dedicated to excellence in state health policy and practice. Through this website and the organization's many other activities, NASHP works to disseminate information designed to assist states in the development of practical, innovative solutions to complex health policy issues. Located in the programs and research section, you can find information on the uninsured, children's health, Medicaid, and long-term care.

National Association of State Medicaid Directors: <http://www.nasmd.org/>

The primary purposes of NASMD are to serve as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government and to provide an information network among the states on issues pertinent to the Medicaid program. The non-profit, bipartisan organization's website includes a wide array of Medicaid resources: updates of state Medicaid news, current legislative and regulatory key issues, State Medicaid Directors' letters, Federal Budget information, internal and external publications, and links to other Medicaid resources (e.g., State Medicaid Agencies).

National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA)—Health Issues: <http://www.ncpa.org>

NCPA is a nonprofit public policy research institute. It offers a wealth of analysis, debate, and in-depth research from around the world. To find the health issues section, click on the link on the left hand side of the page for policy issues, then choose health from the menu items.

National Health Law Program (NHeLP): <http://www.healthlaw.org>

The National Health Law Program is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities. NHeLP serves legal services programs, community-based organizations, the private bar, and providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for the millions of uninsured or underinsured low-income people.

North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM): <http://www.nciom.org>

NC IOM was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1983 as an independent, non-profit organization that serves as a non-political source of analysis and advice on issues of relevance to the health of North Carolina's population. The Institute convenes policy makers, community and business leaders and healthcare professionals to study complex health issues facing the state, in order to identify public and private options to address these issues. The NC IOM has studied and made recommendations in recent years on primary care and specialty provider supply, covering the uninsured, health literacy, the healthcare safety net, nursing workforce shortage, wellness and health promotion efforts for the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Major Medical Plan, North Carolina Health Choice program, dental care access, child health, long-term care, and Latino health, among other issues.

RAND Health: <http://www.rand.org/health>

RAND assists public policymakers at all levels, private-sector leaders in many industries, and the public at large in efforts to strengthen the nation's economy, maintain its security, and improve its quality of life. They do so by analyzing choices and developments in many areas. RAND's mission is to improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: <http://www.rwjf.org/>

The foundation is a grant source for programs improving the health and health care of Americans. The website also provides publications and research on health care issues.

Rural Assistance Center: <http://www.raconline.org/>

The “information portal” created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Rural Initiative provides information about programs, funding, and research that allows rural communities to offer rural residents with valuable health and human services.

Rural Health Research Gateway: <http://www.ruralhealthresearch.org/>

The website provides synopses of the Office of Rural Health Policy’s existing and completed projects and publications conducted by rural health research centers and individual investigators.

Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI): <http://www.rupri.org/>

The objective information provided by the institute consists of health topics confronting the rural population. The data, research, and reports available on the website include health policy issues related to rural health financing, rural system buildings, and the general health care needs of the rural population.

The Urban Institute: <http://www.urban.org>

The Urban Institute provides data and publications on a wide variety of topics including Medicaid and SCHIP.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation: <http://www.wkkf.org>

The nonprofit organization’s mission is "to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations." Health care is only one of their broad interests. Within the area of health care, the Kellogg Foundation’s goal is "to increase access to integrated, comprehensive healthcare systems organized around public health, prevention, and primary care.”