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MACPAC Launches New Redesigned MACPAC.gov

Website provides ready access to non-partisan Medicaid and CHIP data and analyses

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) today announced the re-launch of its website, www.macpac.gov. Along with a new look and improved navigation, MACPAC's new website makes MACPAC's storehouse of non-partisan, comprehensive Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) analyses and data more accessible to state and Congressional policymakers, as well as researchers, stakeholders, and anyone with an interest in Medicaid and CHIP.

"The new www.macpac.gov website takes visitors straight to the Medicaid and CHIP information they need at the level they want," said MACPAC Executive Director Anne L. Schwartz, PhD. Among the new features on www.macpac.gov:

- **Medicaid 101** provides a thorough introduction to this major health care financing program, which served more than 70 million people and accounted for \$498 billion in federal and state spending in 2014;
- **Topics** offer a more in-depth look at Medicaid and CHIP's key features and important policy issues, including people, benefits, payment and delivery systems, and more. Visitors can follow the links within the topics pages to increasingly specialized information, as well as to publications, data, and analyses on multiple subtopics within Medicaid and CHIP;
- **Reports to Congress** continue to be available in print and on the website but are now available as both complete volumes and broken down by chapters;
- **MACStats**, the Medicaid and CHIP statistical supplement, will now be updated on-line as new data become available, rather than separated into the March and June reports to Congress. Later this year, MACPAC will publish these new data in a freestanding data book. The Commission plans to issue a MACStats data book annually at the beginning of each fiscal year; and
- **The Reference Guide to Federal Medicaid Statute and Regulation**, aimed at helping users locate specific provisions in statute, regulation, and state plans, to this point has been available in print. The entire guide now is available in the reference materials section.

Improved search functionality is available directly from the home page. Search filters on the publications page allow visitors to narrow their searches by broad topic, issue-specific tags, or type of publication. Visitors also will be able to find information on upcoming and previous Commission meetings, meeting presentations, issue briefs, analyses, and other publications, and information about MACPAC and its Commissioners in no more than two clicks.

MACPAC's goal is to provide thorough, objective data and analysis that will increase understanding of Medicaid and CHIP and the low-income Americans these programs serve. As MACPAC continues to build the information base in the new website, it wants to make sure the website employs the most user-friendly pathways to meet information needs. MACPAC welcomes feedback. Please send questions or suggestions to macpac@macpac.gov.

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