

Health reform will not be complete until we make high-quality care affordable as well as accessible. For the past 15 years, we have been working toward meaningful change in the face of dynamic and sometimes challenging policy landscapes. But our ultimate goal is clear: to see improved access, better health outcomes, and lower costs for our most vulnerable residents. Here are some recent highlights.



### • 2014-2016 AREAS OF FOCUS **COVERAGE & CARE AFFORDABILITY**

#### Coverage does not always equal care. We are committed to supporting

programs that help low-income consumers obtain, keep, and use their insurance to access high-quality, affordable care. We conduct research and develop strategies to increase coverage for those most in need. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** 

#### Access to behavioral health is uneven, and consumers often have difficulty

getting the right combination of care when they need it. We are exploring methods for expanding access and eliminating barriers to integrating behavioral and physical health care.

# **EXPAND ACCESS**

**TO HEALTH CARE FOR LOW-INCOME & VULNERABLE POPULATIONS** 

#### Although the Commonwealth leads the nation in health insurance

coverage, consumers still struggle with the cost of health care. We continue to document that impact to help ensure that our most vulnerable residents can get and afford the care they need.

#### factors account for 60 percent of health outcomes, yet we continue

**SOCIAL EQUITY** 

to spend more on medical care than on social services. Through research and grantmaking, we are examining the impact that spending on social services can have on health outcomes.

Social, environmental, and behavioral

## We organize our funding priorities into defined programs that are closely tied to our mission and areas of focus.

GRANTMAKING

**FOSTERING EFFECTIVE** INTEGRATION

**CATALYST FUND** 

**POLICY AND RESEARCH GRANTS** 

**TO 85 ORGANIZATIONS** 

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

STRENGTHENING THE **VOICE FOR ACCESS** 

and Health

**CONNECTING CONSUMERS WITH CARE** 

and care, strengthening advocacy for health access, and examining the impact that social service spending can have on health outcomes and costs. POLICY & RESEARCH

We fund programs and projects that promote sustainable improvements in health

care access for low-income and vulnerable people. Through our grantmaking, we

also identify trends that inform our policy work and bring to scale best practices

and lessons learned. Current funding priorities include integrating behavioral

health care and primary care, connecting low-income consumers with coverage

# **MASSHEALTH 1115 WAIVER**

The focus of our policy and research projects is the development

of effective policy solutions through impartial and timely

research and analysis.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF MASSHEALTH AND THE IMPORTANCE **UNINSURANCE IN OF CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING** MASSACHUSETTS, 2009-2013 **FOR CHIP RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FY2016 MASSACHUSETTS: WHAT IT MEANS BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR MASSHEALTH FOR CONSUMERS** 

**PUBLICATIONS** 

THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2016 BUDGET

PROPOSAL FOR MASSHEALTH (MEDICAID)

AND HEALTH REFORM PROGRAMS

**COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR** 

(MEDICAID) AND HEALTH REFORM **PROGRAMS PROGRAMS** 

**SUMMARY OF THE** 

**MASSACHUSETTS: LEVERAGING THE** AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MONITORING ACCESS TO CARE IN

**MASSACHUSETTS: COMPARING** 

PUBLIC COVERAGE WITH EMPLOYER-

**SPONSORED INSURANCE COVERAGE** 

MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAID 50<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE

**MAKING HEALTH CARE** 

AFFORDABLE GRANT PROGRAM

**FINAL EVALUATION** 

**IMPLEMENTING THE AFFORDABLE** 

**CARE ACT IN MASSACHUSETTS:** 

**CHANGES IN SUBSIDIZED COVERAGE PROGRAMS HEALTH CARE COST CONCERNS** AMONG OLDER RESIDENTS OF

**MASSACHUSETTS** 

with nationally recognized researchers and academics, we focus on projects that identify effective solutions to local and national health care issues. Our publications are widely regarded as key resources for policy makers and

COMPARISON OF THE FY2016 HOUSE AND SENATE BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR MASSHEALTH AND HEALTH **REFORM PROGRAMS ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODELS AND THE CASE OF SAFETY-NET** PROVIDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 GENERAL

APPROPRIATIONS ACT BUDGET FOR

**MASSHEALTH (MEDICAID) AND HEALTH** 

**REFORM PROGRAMS** 

**CHAPTER 224 TRACKING TOOL, UPDATED AUGUST 2015** 

A PRIMER ON MEDICAID MANAGED **CARE CAPITATION RATES:** 

**UNDERSTANDING HOW MASSHEALTH** 

PAYS MCOS

whether regulatory, financial, or other – seriously impact people's health outcomes, especially among low-income and vulnerable populations. Working

those interested in Massachusetts health care issues.

**LEVERAGING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH:** WHAT WORKS?

PATHS TO SUSTAINABILITY

FOR INNOVATIVE DELIVERY

**SYSTEM PROGRAMS** 

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, A BLUEPRINT FOR **BUILDING A BETTER SYSTEM OF CARE** 

**BARRIERS TO BEHAVIORAL AND** 

PHYSICAL HEALTH INTEGRATION

**IN MASSACHUSETTS** 

**UPDATED MASSHEALTH: THE BASICS - FACTS AND TRENDS** 

**OF COVERAGE TO SUPPLEMENT MEDICARE IN MASSACHUSETTS MASSHEALTH MATTERS II: LONG-**

**TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS:** 

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASSHEALTH** 

**MASSACHUSETTS ALL-PAYER** 

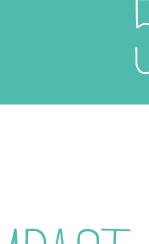
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**SYMPOSIUM: EVENT SUMMARY** 

MINDING THE GAPS: THE STATE

Our work centers on access and affordability as well as how barriers to care-

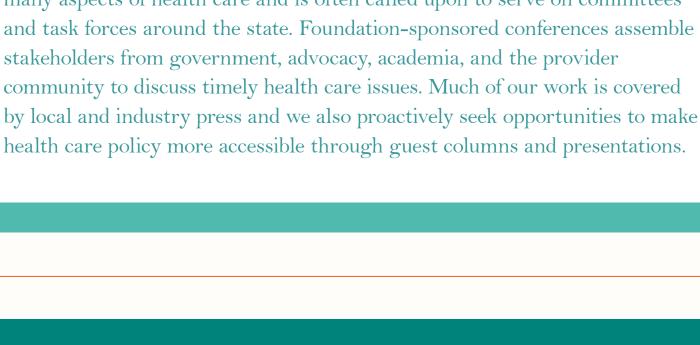
THOUGHT LEADERSHIP We bring awareness of important health care issues to people across the Commonwealth through collaborations, convenings, media and publications.



**MEDIA RESULTS** 

We are proud of our ongoing role as an impartial convener of thoughtful public discussion. The Foundation team is widely recognized for their expertise in many aspects of health care and is often called upon to serve on committees

WEB PAGE VIEWS



# PROGRAMS The Foundation runs three programs directly related to our mission of expanding access to health care.

The Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute (MMPI) is a of the Foundation, devoted to **BROADENING THE UNDER** 

**RESULTING IN THE** 

**NEXT GENERATION OF** 

**COMMUNITY HEALTH LEADERS** 

of the Massachusetts Medicaid program, MassHealth.

through EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and in-depth

policy papers, and hosting CONVENINGS & WEBINARS

attracting a WIDE RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS.

INSTITUTE

**NEWS RESULTING IN** How do our programs create change? The Massachusetts Medicaid Policy

Institute produces independent, nonpartisan research and analysis about MassHealth, expanding understanding of this important coverage program and broadening the dialogue about ways to improve its effectiveness. The Massachusetts Institute for Community Health Leadership develops and nurtures emerging health care leaders. The Health Coverage Fellowship expands the capacity of the media to cover issues related to health reform and access to care.

Massachusetts are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.