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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Alliance for Health Reform

WASHINGTON, DC

\$582,881 — Providing expert, bipartisan education on health care reform to key congressional committee staff, August 2008 through February 2009 (7 months). ID 64726

Avalere Health, LLC

WASHINGTON, DC

\$84,940 — Analyzing stakeholders' perspectives on health reform (7 months). ID 65654

Bipartisan Policy Center, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC

\$2,686,879 — Building bipartisan support for high-quality and affordable coverage for all Americans (18 months). ID 63713

\$192,928 — Forums and outreach to business leaders, providers, policy-makers and stakeholders on the state of American health care (3 months). ID 65618

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

BOSTON, MA

\$125,000 — Monitoring the impact of health care reform in Massachusetts on residents' insurance status, access to and use of care, and out-of-pocket spending (1 year). ID 64646

University of California, Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine

LOS ANGELES, CA

\$194,821 — Researching the spillover effects of high uninsurance on the community (1 year). ID 65198

Center for Healthcare Strategies Supporting Organization Inc.

HAMILTON, NJ

\$244,091 — Planning the design of a proposed new national program for RWJF, the Medicaid Leadership Institute (10 months). ID 64385

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization

To support policy analysis, research, evaluation and demonstration projects that will provide public and private decision leaders with useful and timely information on health care policy and financing issues.

Program Sites

■ American College of Radiology

RESTON, VA

\$254,109 — Determining whether small area variation in health care utilization is explained by physician financial self-interest (18 months). ID 64295

■ Brown University Warren Alpert Medical School

PROVIDENCE, RI

\$307,261 — Studying the impact of state Medicaid policy changes on the hospitalization of nursing home residents (2 years). ID 64435

■ University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

LA JOLLA, CA

\$336,513 — Small area variation in Medicaid utilization and expenditures: implications for cost containment and quality of care (18 months). ID 63995

■ Center for Studying Health System Change

WASHINGTON, DC

\$338,826 — Cost and efficiency in treating high-cost Medicare beneficiaries: the role of physician practice and health system factors (18 months). ID 64006

■ Harvard Medical School

BOSTON, MA

\$298,040 — Investigating factors related to geographic variations in cost growth in the Medicare and private sectors (1 year). ID 64040

■ Harvard University School of Public Health

BOSTON, MA

\$297,461 — Examining how fragmentation of care is related to the costs of care (18 months). ID 63998

■ State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

BALTIMORE, MD

\$160,086 — Simulating rate setting and cross-payer effects of Medicaid long-term-care programs (2 years). ID 63756

■ University of Maryland, Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging

BALTIMORE, MD

\$264,047 — Medicare spending, disparities and return to healthy behaviors (18 months). ID 64004

■ Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

PRINCETON, NJ

\$346,228 — Can disease management control costs? (18 months). ID 63996

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■ University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, MI

\$124,694 — Evaluating the impact of State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) expansions on household spending and consumption using consumer expenditure survey data (1 year). ID 65093

■ University of Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$399,978 — Comparing cost-effectiveness of traditional fee-for-service Medicare and Medicare Advantage chronic illness care using National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) relative resource measures (30 months). ID 64570

\$103,063 — Identifying accountable care teams for disabled Medicaid beneficiaries (9 months). ID 65339

■ University of Minnesota Medical School

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$289,221 — Measuring the effect of computerized physician order entry on quality and cost of care (18 months). ID 64845

■ University of Minnesota School of Public Health

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$448,940 — Identifying organizational characteristics of medical group practices that provide low-cost, high-quality care (22 months). ID 65450

■ Naval Postgraduate School Graduate School of Business and Public Policy

MONTEREY, CA

\$229,918 — Effects of funding sources on emergency department access and the consequences on patient outcomes (2 years). ID 63974

■ Palo Alto Medical Foundation for Health Care, Research and Education

PALO ALTO, CA

\$320,018 — Resource use and efficiency in episodes of care (15 months). ID 64531

■ Social and Scientific Systems, Inc.

SILVER SPRING, MD

\$221,791 — Extent and impact of the use of observation stays in the Medicare program (18 months). ID 64530

■ University of Southern Maine, Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service

PORTLAND, ME

\$288,724 — Defensive medicine as a response to medical malpractice liability in the United States (14 months). ID 64578

■ Stanford University School of Medicine

STANFORD, CA

\$275,519 — Sources of health care cost growth (18 months). ID 64000

■ Urban Institute

WASHINGTON, DC

\$199,918 — Defining affordability for the uninsured and people with chronic conditions (1 year). ID 64001

\$287,995 — Impacts of undocumented immigrants on the U.S. health care system (19 months). ID 64422

Other Program Activities

■ AcademyHealth

WASHINGTON, DC

\$1,264,371 — Technical assistance and direction for Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (1 year). ID 63984

Communications Support for the Coverage Program Area

To manage strategic communications for RWJF's Coverage program area.

■ Communications Project

MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS

\$12,000,000 — Strategic communications for RWJF's Coverage program area (8 months). ID 65109

Consumer Voices for Coverage: Strengthening State Advocacy Networks to Expand Health Coverage

To support state-based consumer health advocacy networks to increase their capacity to participate with key stakeholders, such as businesses, hospitals, insurers, providers and government officials, in health care reform efforts.

Program Sites

■ Campaign for Better Health Care

CHAMPAIGN, IL

\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63845

■ Center for Public Policy Priorities

AUSTIN, TX

\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65255

■ Child and Family Policy Center

DES MOINES, IA

\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65254

■ Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

DENVER, CO

\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63848

■ Community Service Society of New York

NEW YORK, NY

\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63836

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▪ **Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation**
AUGUSTA, ME
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63858

▪ **Health Access Foundation**
SACRAMENTO, CA
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63827

▪ **Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund Inc.**
BALTIMORE, MD
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63846

▪ **New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund**
CAMDEN, NJ
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63856

▪ **North Carolina Justice Center**
RALEIGH, NC
\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65259

▪ **Oregon Health Action Campaign**
SALEM, OR
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63847

▪ **South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center**
COLUMBIA, SC
\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65400

▪ **Take Action Minnesota Education Fund**
ST. PAUL, MN
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63850

▪ **Tennessee Health Care Campaign Inc.**
NASHVILLE, TN
\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65234

▪ **Unemployment Information Center**
PHILADELPHIA, PA
\$748,000 — (3 years). ID 63851

▪ **Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio**
COLUMBUS, OH
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63861

▪ **Utah Health Policy Project**
SALT LAKE CITY, UT
\$180,000 — (2 years). ID 65235

▪ **Washington Community Action Network Education & Research Fund**
SEATTLE, WA
\$750,000 — (3 years). ID 63849

Other Program Activities

▪ **Community Catalyst**
BOSTON, MA
\$1,137,398 — Technical assistance and direction for Consumer Voices for Coverage (1 year). ID 61398
\$1,256,011 — Technical assistance and direction for Consumer Voices for Coverage (1 year). ID 61399

Covering Kids & Families

To increase the number of eligible children and adults who benefit from federal and state health care coverage programs.

▪ **GMMB Inc.**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$51,467 — (5 months). ID 64047

Emergency Medicine Foundation

DALLAS, TX
\$50,000 — Creating a follow-up to the 2006 national report card on the state of emergency medicine (1 year). ID 64387

Families USA Foundation Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC
\$700,000 — Using dialogue among key diverse stakeholders to facilitate health care reform (1 year). ID 64673

\$275,000 — Convening the health consumer advocacy community at Health Action 2009 to prepare for health care reform (6 months). ID 65285

Georgetown University

WASHINGTON, DC
\$299,824 — Developing new measures of the adequacy of private health insurance coverage (15 months). ID 63793

Georgetown University, Health Policy Institute

WASHINGTON, DC
\$200,000 — Research and policy analysis on health care needs of children and families as federal policy-makers consider health care reform (1 year). ID 65515

Georgetown University Law Center

WASHINGTON, DC
\$689,057 — Studying legal challenges in health reform to assist policy-makers and other key stakeholders (1 year). ID 64475

Health Care Conference Administrators, LLC

BELLEVUE, WA
\$50,000 — Second national congress on the uninsured and underinsured (5 months). ID 64733

Health Care Costs: Research and Analysis

To support research studies and policy analyses regarding high and rising health care costs, particularly as they relate to efforts to expand health insurance coverage.

▪ **Jack C. Ebeler**

RESTON, VA
\$25,146 — Consulting services in support of programming to address health care costs (6 months). ID 65710

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Jennings Policy Strategies, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC

\$91,500 — Providing strategic consultation in connection with efforts to expand health insurance coverage to all Americans (1 year). ID 64774

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC

\$99,812 — Assessing cross-cutting issues in RWJF's state-focused coverage initiatives to enhance effectiveness (6 months). ID 65610

Maximizing Enrollment for Kids: Making Medicaid and SCHIP Work

To increase health insurance coverage of eligible but uninsured children in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by helping states improve their policies and procedures and to measure the impact of these changes.

- **Center for Health Policy Development/National Academy for State Health Policy**
PORTLAND, ME
\$1,358,356 — Technical assistance and direction for Maximizing Enrollment for Kids (1 year). ID 63860
- **Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.**
PRINCETON, NJ
\$1,199,913 — Evaluating Maximizing Enrollment for Kids (4 years). ID 65253
- **Research Foundation of State University of New York**
ALBANY, NY
\$411,439 — Field study of Maximizing Enrollment for Kids (3 years). ID 65554

Mehlman, Vogel, Castagnetti, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC

\$92,500 — Providing strategic consultation in connection with efforts to expand health insurance coverage to all Americans (1 year). ID 64775

University of Minnesota, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$243,953 — Evaluating the effects of RWJF's Cover the Uninsured Week campaign on the media and the public (1 year). ID 63894

National Academy of Sciences

WASHINGTON, DC

\$689,293 — Updating the 2000–2004 Institute of Medicine study of the consequences of uninsurance (1 year). ID 63982

State of Oregon Department of Human Services, Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research

SALEM, OR

\$247,925 — Oregon Health Plan Lottery: using a randomized controlled trial to test the impact of providing public insurance coverage to low-income adults (19 months). ID 64301

\$2,498,915 — How does health insurance affect health care use and health outcomes for low-income adults? Evidence from Oregon's health insurance lottery (3 years). ID 64964

Peter Harbage Consulting, LLC

WASHINGTON, DC

\$73,330 — Investigation of rescission practices in the individual health insurance market and their impact on consumers (9 months). ID 65541

Rand Corporation

SANTA MONICA, CA

\$100,000 — Developing the COMPARE (Comprehensive Assessment of Reform Efforts) Web site (6 months). ID 64350

State Coverage Initiatives

To help states develop and implement policies that expand access to health insurance coverage.

Program Sites

- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement**
LITTLE ROCK, AR
\$200,000 — Planning coverage expansions in Arkansas (18 months). ID 63867
- **Kansas Health Policy Authority**
TOPEKA, KS
\$199,858 — Supporting Kansas' policy development towards insurance market reform and care coordination (8 months). ID 63871
- **State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
BALTIMORE, MD
\$61,900 — Supporting implementation of Maryland's coverage legislation to expand Medicaid eligibility and make small business market reforms (7 months). ID 63873
- **State of Minnesota Department of Health**
ST. PAUL, MN
\$191,816 — Supporting the coverage focus of Minnesota Governor's Health Transformation Task Force (1 year). ID 63874

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- **State of New Mexico, Human Services Department**
SANTA FE, NM
\$200,000 — Modeling coverage expansion options in New Mexico (1 year). ID 63870
- **Oklahoma Insurance Department**
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
\$200,000 — Supporting Oklahoma's planning for health reform (18 months). ID 63868
- **Oregon Health Fund Board**
SALEM, OR
\$187,658 — Supporting the Oregon Health Fund Board's plans for expanded health care reform (1 year). ID 63864
- **State of Texas, Office of the Governor**
AUSTIN, TX
\$90,000 — Developing viable coverage reform options for Texas (1 year). ID 63869
- **State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services**
MADISON, WI
\$199,440 — Assessing the impact of Wisconsin's proposed private market reforms (1 year). ID 63866
- **Other Program Activities**
- **AcademyHealth**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$1,700,000 — Technical assistance and direction for State Coverage Initiatives (1 year). ID 64566
- **National Governors Association Center for Best Practices**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$280,000 — Providing technical assistance to governors to enable them to maintain or increase current levels of health insurance coverage (2 years). ID 65373
- **State Health Access Reform Evaluation**
To support research and evaluation of state health reform initiatives and develop an evidence base for future state and federal reform initiatives.
Program Sites
- **Brown University**
PROVIDENCE, RI
\$200,000 — Evaluating the implementation, adoption and outcomes of the Rhode Island HEALTHpact plans (18 months). ID 64214
- **University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research**
LOS ANGELES, CA
\$172,533 — Evaluation of 12-month continuous eligibility in Medicaid in California (18 months). ID 64209
- **University of California, Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine**
LOS ANGELES, CA
\$599,357 — Evaluation of reforms to cover all children in the states of Illinois, Pennsylvania and Washington (2 years). ID 64211
- **Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health**
BALTIMORE, MD
\$326,539 — Incremental strategies to cover low-income uninsured adults (2 years). ID 64219
- **State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
BALTIMORE, MD
\$183,664 — Evaluating the success of Maryland's Kids First Act outreach at identifying and enrolling uninsured eligible children in Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) (2 years). ID 65635
- **Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$599,513 — Evaluation of risk selection in market-based state programs (2 years). ID 64215
- **University of New England Center for Health Policy, Planning and Research**
PORTLAND, ME
\$397,517 — Evaluating Vermont's comprehensive reform initiative to provide universal access to affordable health insurance coverage and quality health care (2 years). ID 64212
- **State of New Mexico, New Mexico Human Services Department**
SANTA FE, NM
\$195,855 — Evaluating small group employee participation in New Mexico State Coverage Insurance (18 months). ID 64309
- **Rutgers, The State University, The Center for State Health Policy**
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
\$359,567 — Evaluating the extension of dependent coverage to young adults (2 years). ID 64320

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▪ **University of Southern California,
Center for Community Health
Studies**

ALHAMBRA, CA

\$187,218 — Evaluating the impact of outreach and enrollment strategies in California (17 months). ID 64276

▪ **University of Southern Maine,
Edmund S. Muskie School of
Public Service**

PORTLAND, ME

\$567,421 — Assessing the impact of premium requirements and participant cost-sharing on access to care in Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont (2 years). ID 64216

▪ **Urban Institute**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$399,414 — Studying the effects of Medicaid reform on access to care, program sustainability and administrative efficiency in Kentucky and Idaho (2 years). ID 64208

\$197,892 — Assessing the first use of auto-enrollment for a state coverage expansion (18 months). ID 64275

\$339,842 — Assessing the impact of state health reform in Illinois, Massachusetts and New York (2 years). ID 64315

▪ **Wake Forest University
Health Sciences**

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

\$216,779 — Sheltering employee premium contributions from tax using Section 125 plans (18 months). ID 64207

▪ **University of Wisconsin
School of Medicine and
Public Health**

MADISON, WI

\$199,970 — Evaluating the effects of Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus reform package on enrollment and efficiency (18 months). ID 64222

Other Program Activities

▪ **University of Minnesota
School of Public Health**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$695,018 — Technical assistance and direction for State Health Access Reform Evaluation (1 year). ID 59590

Swarthmore College

SWARTHMORE, PA

\$26,437 — Study of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), its evolution in relationship to Medicaid, and the possibility of using SCHIP as a template for health care reform (1 year). ID 65277

Targeted Research for Coverage

To enable RWJF's Coverage program area to commission a range of research studies that focus on questions related to its new strategic objective.

▪ **University of California, Berkeley,
School of Public Health**

BERKELEY, CA

\$171,094 — Analyzing the effects of the San Francisco spending mandate (2 years). ID 64694

**University of Texas at Austin
LBJ School of Public Affairs
Center for Health and Social Policy**

AUSTIN, TX

\$21,948 — Conference on the strengths and limitations of Medicare (6 months). ID 63696

Third Sector New England

BOSTON, MA

\$219,931 — Assessing cost and adequacy of insurance coverage for small business owners operating farms and ranches in seven Great Plains states (18 months). ID 64034

Urban Institute

WASHINGTON, DC

\$600,000 — Using the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey to assess Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) participation across the country (2 years). ID 65624

**West Virginia University
School of Medicine**

MORGANTOWN, WV

\$100,000 — Case study of the implementation of the West Virginia Healthier Medicaid Members Through Personal Responsibility program (1 year). ID 64590