

Medicaid Data Accessibility: A State-By-State Analysis of Data Availability and Usage

Background:

- Indiana recently released Medicaid data to the public.
- Each state Medicaid program varies in its policies, benefits, member eligibility criteria, and ultimately what information the state chooses to share with the public.

Objective:

- To explore state Medicaid programs to determine which states have made their Medicaid healthcare data available to the public, including any state policies prohibiting or allowing the state to share its data.

Methods:

- State-by-state comparison of state regulations about data-sharing, organizations that compile data for states, types of reports published by each state, and usability of each Medicaid website for providers, members, and business partners.

Analysis:

- States were broken into 4 Census Bureau Regions to compare data transparency for each region.

Results:



- 11 states were found to have high transparency, 22 states fell in the moderate transparency category, and 16 had low data transparency.

Conclusions:

- Lack of clear data sharing regulations, the cost to publish reports, and ways to maximize the meaningfulness of Medicaid data contribute to gaps in data availability among states.

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