

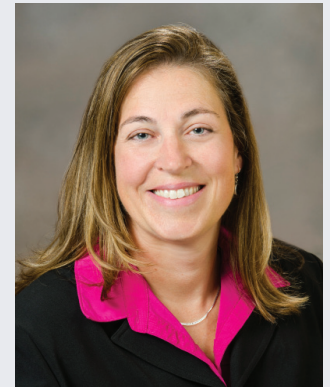
PACE | Post Affordable Care Act: Evaluation of Community Health Centers

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The Supreme Court decision that enabled states to opt out of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)-sponsored Medicaid expansions provides a unique opportunity to assess the impact of Medicaid expansion on access to and utilization of healthcare services within expansion states and to compare expansion and non-expansion states. As little is yet known about the impact of ACA Medicaid expansions, this study will compare pre-post access to and receipt of health care services and Medicaid expenditures within community health clinics (CHCs) in states that did and did not expand Medicaid; examine pre-post utilization of CHC services by newly insured compared to already insured and uninsured patients in expansion states; and measure pre-post changes in the overall utilization of healthcare services and Medicaid expenditures among newly insured individuals versus those already insured in Oregon.

Potential Impact

The findings from this project will be extremely relevant to policy and practice, informing further improvements in the US healthcare system to ensure access to healthcare for vulnerable populations. Specifically, this knowledge is essential to informing deliberations in `non-expansion' states regarding whether to expand their Medicaid programs, and will also be helpful to `expansion' states eager to learn about the impact of their expansions.



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