

Transforming Health Care State-by-State

JSI in the United States



JSI is helping states improve health quality and access for their residents. As states confront soaring cost of health care and insurance premiums and the number of uninsured and under-insured rises, JSI assists states with both comprehensive reform efforts and health system innovation.

Health Reform

In the absence of national health care reform each state is pursuing strategies to expand access and reduce costs. JSI has designed coverage expansions at the state and local levels and conducted research on the uninsured and under-insured in the states and nationally. In more incremental efforts, JSI has helped states review their purchasing strategies, assess the feasibility of community-based insurance plans for uninsured and low-income residents, evaluate subsidized insurance programs, and explore options for expanded enrollment in SCHIP and Medicaid.

Improving Value and Quality

Evidence-based practices can reduce costs and are a critical component of any reform effort. JSI designs and evaluates state programs to manage and improve the quality of services, including developing strategies for implementing value and evidence-based practices. JSI also develops and evaluates new strategies and products for health care integration. JSI has helped with the design of such strategies for chronic disease management as medical home models, acute and long-term care, primary care provision to persons with disabilities, and for the integration of mental health and primary care.

Policy Research

Health care reform efforts must be based on critical analysis of current practices and realities. JSI has extensive experience conducting research to inform policy. JSI has analyzed the health insurance practices of private and public employers, and is currently identifying the causes of hospital-based infections in Massachusetts and ways to reduce the infections and their associated costs. JSI has analyzed state quality councils, performance management, and value-based payment and purchasing strategies. JSI also has led significant research on policy approaches for reducing tobacco use and substance abuse.

Strengthening the Safety Net

As more people are underinsured or have no insurance, a strong safety net is critical to any state's success in delivering health care. JSI has widespread experience analyzing the strength of the safety net in communities and states. JSI also assesses the impact of financing changes and reform efforts on safety-net providers. Through analysis of high-level and grassroots networks, JSI has helped private funders develop strategic direction and funding priorities.

Leveraging Technology to Improve Access and Quality

Health Information Technology can provide the tools for improving the administrative efficiency and quality of the health care system. JSI has worked with numerous communities to identify technology solutions to health care delivery and access challenges, including the use of technology to implement community-wide health information exchange and health improvement strategies. JSI has helped communities, networks of providers, and states evaluate their information technology infrastructures and develop plans for improving health delivery and quality management.

JSI works with public and private clients to address the nation's most pressing health issues.

Selected Clients

States of
Colorado, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

State Agency Departments for:
Finance and Policy
Medicaid
Aging and Mental Health
Insurance

Vermont Governors Office

Safety Net Associations

Regional Healthcare Improvement Networks

State and National Foundations

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