# STATE HEALTH PRACTICE DATABASE FOR RESEARCH

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A Web interface with multiple options for querying and downloading the data

Data elements covering eight important topic areas

Data for calendar years 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016

Data for all 50 states

Citation information for all state statutes and regulations identified in the database

Access to full-text versions of all statues and regulations included in the database

Contextual summaries for all relevant statutes and regulations

A detailed User Guide describing strengths and limitations of the data

Useful information on legal research methodology

A glossary of common legal terms and acronyms

## A resource for health economists and health services researchers.

Studies using cross-state variation in outcomes often require researchers to expend considerable resources in the collection of information on study states' relevant statutes and regulations. Moreover, these data collection efforts may be redundant as individual researchers gather similar data for their research projects. This NIH-funded database – the State Health Practice Database for Research (SHPDR) – supports theoretical and applied research to understand how innovations in treatments, diagnosis, preventive strategies, and the organization of care delivery can be most effectively deployed to improve health and wellbeing of the U.S. population. SHPDR will also facilitate the identification of factors that determine the optimal adoption of effective health technologies, innovations, and discoveries.

SHPDR will include binary variables and related documentation reflecting information in state statutes and regulations related to:

- Healthcare delivery
- Quality and safety controls
- Workforce maintenance and development
- Provider and facility licensure
- Health information technology infrastructure
- Covered health care services
- Access to health services

The database is designed to facilitate use with statistical software, and can be linked with existing data resources for hypothesis-driven research. The database will cover all fifty States, and, when completed, will contain data for calendar years 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016. Data for calendar years 2010 and 2012 are scheduled for release in 2016. Please send any questions about the SHPDR database to helpdesk@shpdr.org.