

DATA RESOURCES week ending 1.4.08

1. • Mathematica Policy Research issued a final report from five years of research this week entitled "Cash & Counseling: Improving the Lives of Medicaid Beneficiaries Who Need Personal Care or Home and Community-Based Services"

<<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/GJXOHYLNWH/1616822291>> which follows Arkansas, Florida and New Jersey through the implementation of their cash and counseling demonstration programs over the past five years. The report examines the programs from the perspective of consumers, caregivers and the cost to each state's Medicaid program.

2. • A new report <<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/FBCQHLYLNWI/1616822291>> issued by the National Association of State Units on Aging and National Conference of State Legislatures examines the family caregivers of older Americans and the caregiver support programs available to assist them in all 50 states and territories. The report discusses each state's programs for caregiver support, sources of funding for caregiver support programs, eligibility criteria, and the various services offered.

<<http://capwiz.com/ncoa/utr/1/IIWEHYLNSD/LODGHYLNWJ/1616822291>>

3. WISCONSIN LONGITUDINAL STUDY: WLS has recently created a web page with links to Supplementary Documents "for data collected about the respondents. These data include: Relative body mass index, attractiveness, and H.S. activities from the 1957 H.S. yearbooks; Job and college characteristics; female graduates' work histories; high school district resources; disability claims forms; life history and health at midlife; area resources file; and social security earnings data."

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/wlsresearch/documentation/supdoc/>

4. NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS REPORT: "Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: National Health Interview Survey, 2006," by John R. Pleis and Margaret Lethbridge-Cejku (_Vital and Health Statistics_, Series 10, No. 235, December 2007, .pdf format, 153p.).

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_235.pdf

5. AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY, HEALTHCARE COST AND UTILIZATION PROJECT STATISTICAL BRIEF: "Hospital Stays Involving Chronic Pulmonary Heart Disease, 2005," by Chaya T. Merrill, Mika Nagamine, and Anne Elixhauser (Statistical Brief No. 43, December 2007, .pdf and HTML format, 10p.).

PDF: <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb43.pdf>

HTML: <http://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/reports/statbriefs/sb43.jsp>