

Announcement of AHRQ 2010 State Snapshots Released Today

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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce that today AHRQ released our *2010 State Snapshots* that provide detailed, state-level performance summaries on treating cancer, diabetes, maternal and child disorders, heart disease and other illnesses that impact quality of life, workforce productivity and insurance costs.

With an emphasis on quality performance measurement, *2010 State Snapshots* is an interactive Web-based tool -- <http://statesnapshots.ahrq.gov/snaps10/> -- designed to provide state officials, health care leaders and others with health care quality and disparities data so they can take steps to address gaps in quality care and access to services.

The *2010 State Snapshots*, developed with data from the *National Healthcare Quality Report* and *National Healthcare Disparities Report*, are designed to illustrate three questions of critical importance to all Americans today:

- What is the current state of health care quality and disparities in my state?
- How have health care quality and disparities changed over time?
- Where is the need to improve health care quality and reduce disparities greatest?

A new feature this year is a State Resource Directory that provides best practices and innovations highlighted on AHRQ's Health Care Innovations Exchange that can help states learn about what others have used to improve the quality and safety of health care services.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help improve the quality and safety of health care for all Americans.

Sincerely,

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