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Characteristics of Homebound Older Adults: Potential Barriers to Accessing the [COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (posted April 6, 2021)

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Approximately 1.6 million homebound older adults may have trouble accessing the COVID-19 vaccine. This brief found that, in addition to primary care providers and health centers, assistance programs and services, such as food stamps, meals on wheels, and in-home rehab care could help facilitate vaccinating this population.

The Impact of [COVID-19](#) on Medicare Beneficiaries with [Dementia](#) (posted April 8, 2021)

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People disproportionately affected by dementia--including the oldest older adults, people with multiple chronic conditions, Black and Hispanic individuals, and nursing home residents--have also been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This issue brief examines rates of COVID-19 infections and mortality among Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries to understand the impact of the pandemic on this population.

Mental Health Consequences of [COVID-19](#): The Role of Social Determinants of Health

(posted April 9, 2021)

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A significantly greater percentage of patients with a COVID-19 diagnosis experienced a new onset of mental health condition following their COVID-19 diagnosis compared to patients who tested negative for COVID-19 or had a symptom. The odds of developing a mental health condition after COVID-19 diagnosis were significantly higher among individuals with health-related social needs associated with childhood upbringing, education, employment, or housing.

Homelessness Among People Living in Encampments -- Conducted jointly with HUD
(posted April 5, 2021)

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The growth of homeless encampments reflects a lack of affordable housing, the persistence of deep poverty and chronic homelessness. Findings from this study are intended to help policymakers and practitioners understand the nature of encampments, strategies for responding to encampments, and the significant costs associated with response activities, including outreach, clearance and prevention activities.

Health Conditions Among Individuals With a History of Homelessness (posted March 1, 2021)

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The paper found that for many chronic conditions, people with a history of homelessness have a greater prevalence than a comparison cohort of individuals matched on age and gender.

Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Models of Care (posted April 15, 2021)

These reports summarize results from recent BHDAP work examining behavioral health models of care that have the potential to expand the delivery of services by, in part, expanding or transforming the behavioral health workforce.

Crisis Services and the Behavioral Health Workforce

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Workforce Implications of Behavioral Health Care Models: Final Report

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Trends in Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Access (posted April 14, 2021)

These reports summarize results from BHDAP work examining recent trends in mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs, unmet needs, and system capacity to provide treatment.

Has Treatment for Substance Use Disorders Increased?

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Chartbook on Behavioral Health Treatment Demand and Provider Capacity in the United States

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Mental Health Treatment Need and Treatment System Capacity

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Age Group Differences in Progress toward Reducing Substance Use Disorders, 2015-2018

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Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) *(posted January 19, 2021)*

These papers examine trends in outpatient pharmacological treatment, mental health services, hospital readmission and emergency department visits among infants with NAS, using a multi-state Medicaid claims database.

Use of Outpatient Pharmacological Treatment Among Infants Born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome: Medicaid 2008-2017

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Utilization of Mental Health Services among Children Diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome at Birth

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Trends in Hospital Readmission and Emergency Department Visit among Infants Born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

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LTC Modeling: Older Adult Economic Hardship *(posted February 1, 2021)*

Based on microsimulation modeling, these reports and briefs explore the risk of older adults outliving their financial resources in retirement or experiencing economic hardship from unanticipated health and long-term care (LTC) costs in later life.

Economic Hardship and Medicaid Enrollment in Later Life: Assessing the Impact of Disability, Health, and Marital Status Shocks

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Extended LTSS Utilization Makes Older Adults More Reliant on Medicaid

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Most Older Adults Are Likely to Need and Use Long-Term Services and Supports

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Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Americans: Risks and Financing, 2020

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Projections of Risk of Needing Long-Term Services and Supports at Ages 65 and Older

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LTC Modeling: Risks and Costs of Severe Cognitive Impairment (posted February 1, 2021)

Based on microsimulation modeling, these reports and briefs explore the risk of needing long-term services and supports for cognitive impairment.

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- Individuals Experiencing **Homelessness** are Likely to have Medical Conditions Associated with Severe Illness from **COVID-19** (posted June 25, 2020) [Read Report](#)
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