Although transparency of health care data is slowly increasing, journalists and researchers still struggle to find accurate, up-to-date information. HIX Compare is a powerful tool to help understand, localize and share the latest information.

Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, HIX Compare is the only dataset with information on every individual and small group marketplace plan offered from 2014-2018.

What is HIX Compare?

HIX Compare is a free database of comprehensive information on trends in health insurance marketplaces in all 50 states.

RWJF experts use the data to understand what’s happening nationally, regionally and locally, as well as gain insights on the possible implications of public policy. They work with health care researchers and reporters to analyze and interpret the data to answer some of the most pressing questions about insurance marketplaces.

How can you use HIX Compare?

Reporters can create data-driven stories with HIX Compare’s information. Examples include:

• Who sells small group coverage in the southeast U.S.
• How emergency room cost-sharing differs between Nevada and New Mexico and what the trends mean
• Average monthly premiums for a silver plan in Ohio
• Changes in the overall insurance landscape in a given region

RWJF experts help reporters interpret HIX Compare data to help them write their marketplace stories and provide the most useful information to consumers.

What’s Included in HIX Compare?

HIX Compare includes data on:
• Carriers
• Premiums and deductibles
• Plan type
• Cost sharing information and benefits, including:
  ◊ Ambulance
  ◊ Child eyewear
  ◊ Emergency room
  ◊ Generic drugs
  ◊ Home health care
  ◊ Imaging
  ◊ Inpatient mental health
  ◊ Preferred brand drugs
  ◊ Prenatal postnatal care
  ◊ Specialist
  ◊ Urgent care
  ◊ And many more

Learn More

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You can access the data at: http://www.hixcompare.org