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Journal Pre-Releases Study on California Managed Care Mandate

On June 1, 2011, the State of California began transitioning approximately 380,000 seniors and people with disabilities from a fee-for-service system to a managed care Medicaid system in 16 counties as part of an effort to reduce Medicaid spending. A team of researchers from the **Health Research for Action, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley**, have completed a study assessing differences in beneficiaries' perceived quality of care in the two systems.

The study will be published in the **November 2011 (Volume 22, Number 4) issue** of the *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved*, but the journal and authors have made an edited version of the article available because of the timeliness of the topic. The authors found that seniors and persons with disabilities who had voluntarily enrolled in Medicaid managed care rated their care better or the same as it was in fee for service Medicaid. Implications for future evaluations of this transition are discussed.

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