Call for Student State Health Policy Abstracts: State Health Research and Policy Interest Group Meeting at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

The State Health Research and Policy Interest Group (IG) intends to recognize exemplary student research at the 2024 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM). The best student-led abstracts on research related to state health policy will be invited to participate in a short lightning round at our interest group meeting during the conference, which will be held June 29-July 2 in Baltimore.

Interested students should submit their abstracts by no later than **Monday, March 4, 2024,** state.ig.abstracts@gmail.com. Students are welcome to resubmit abstracts that they have submitted for presentation at ARM, but please indicate this in the cover email accompanying your submission.

Students selected for lightning round presentations will need to register for the AcademyHealth ARM, as the interest group session is part of the main conference. Interested students also may apply for AcademyHealth Scholarships.

Call for Abstracts:
The State Health Research and Policy IG seek abstracts describing innovative, student-led research of state-level health policy issues. The first and presenting author of the abstract submission must be a current student or supervised trainee (e.g., postdoc) or must have completed the work within the previous three years while a student or trainee.

Policies of interest include:
- Medicaid and other state health policies affecting behavioral health services, maternal and child health, long-term services and supports, dementia care, Medicaid unwinding, coverage expansion and payment and delivery system reform;
- State policies related to the social determinants of health;
- State policies related to health workforce shortages; and
- State policy responses to emerging public health challenges.

Submissions that examine state health policy issues through the lens of equity are strongly encouraged.

Criteria for Evaluating Submissions:
All abstracts will undergo blinded peer review and will be evaluated based on quality and completeness of the research, as well as the implications for state health policy.

Submission Guidelines:
Students should email abstracts as a Word document or PDF to state.ig.abstracts@gmail.com. In the cover email, please include your name and current degree program, the names and affiliations of others involved in the abstract, and whether the abstract was also submitted for presentation at ARM. Abstracts should be structured using the following headers:

1. Research Objective,
2. Study Design,
3. Population Studied,
4. Principal Findings,
5. Conclusions, and
6. Implications for Policy or Practice.

Abstracts cannot exceed 500 words, including the section headers. Tables are permitted and count toward the word limit, but figures are not allowed. The abstract title does NOT count towards the 500-word limit.