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## SIHP in the News

### Brandeis, Harvard, Boston University to Co-Sponsor Conference

The Institute for Behavioral Health at Heller's Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, along with the School of Public Health, Boston University; and the Department of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School, are co-sponsoring the upcoming 2008 Addiction Health Services Research conference (AHSR 2008). The conference will convene at the Hyatt Harborside, Boston, on October 20-22.

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### Seniors' Healthcare Choices Expand

The Boston Globe quotes Schneider Senior Scientist Cindy Parks Thomas in a Boston Globe article on private fee-for-service health insurance plans.

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### Few Heart Attack Survivors Use Life-Prolonging Cardiac Rehab

Study by Schneider researchers finds striking differences in rehab rates by gender, geography and race...

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### Junior Investigator Receives His First Independent Researcher Award from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Dunigan, PhD '04, Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Behavioral Health, will study relapse and recidivism rates among African-American and Latino males with histories of criminal justice involvement and substance abuse.

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### Screening for Behavioral Health First Step to Getting Treatment

But health plans rarely require screening for substance abuse and mental health issues, says study led by Institute for Behavioral Health director Constance Horgan...

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### Medicare Drug Plan Gets Mixed Grades

The Boston Globe reports on SIHP's Massachusetts Health Policy Forum study sizing up Medicare drug benefit.

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### Research on Dengue's Burden Featured in Lancet Article Co-Authored by SIHP's Jose Suaya, Donald Shepard

Five-year study of rural children in Thailand yields important insights into the economic and human burden imposed by dengue infections...

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### Moving Toward Universal Coverage

Heller Dean Stuart Altman testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance to make the case for health care reform...

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### **Cost Control Measures Limit Patient and Physician Choice in Psychotropic Medications**

Private health plans increasingly rely on escalating copayments to manage drug costs, says a study led by the Schneider Institutes' Dominic Hodgkin...

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### **Internet Source of Behavioral Health Information, Not Counseling**

A national survey of health plans, led by the Schneider Institutes' Dr. Constance Horgan, shows very few provide online counseling...

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### **Brandeis Evaluates \$14 Million Project**

Schneider Institutes researchers partnering with MA DPH to evaluate its \$14 million substance abuse screening, brief intervention, referral and treatment project...

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### **SIHP Professor Receives Special Recognition Award**

Prof. Donald S. Shepard has received a "Special Recognition Award" from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts, Inc. (MHSACM)...

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### **Schneider Institute for Health Policy Is Reorganized**

SIHP now consists of two Institutes: the Institute on Healthcare Systems and the Institute for Behavioral Health...

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### **Schneider Institutes, Mahidol University Hold Dengue Fever Workshop in Bangkok**

Researchers from the Heller School's Schneider Institutes for Health Policy and the Faculty of Public Health at Mahidol University, Thailand, held an international workshop on Dengue Burden Studies in Bangkok, Thailand from June 26 through June 30, 2006. The 18 participants came from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the United States. The workshop served as a means for capacity building and mutual cooperation, while analyzing data collected from 400 patients hospitalized for dengue and planning the dissemination of results...

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### **Schneider Institutes Researchers Host International Workshop to Analyze Data from Dengue Fever Studies**

Professors Donald Shepard and Jose Suaya organized an international workshop that was held from Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 5 on the Brandeis campus. Nine researchers from five countries, including Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, and Venezuela, participated in the workshop ...

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### **Media Tap SIHP Faculty on Historic Massachusetts Health Care Bill**

National media outlets have sought out Heller School Dean Stuart Altman and assistant professor Michael Doonan to discuss the Massachusetts health care reform bill passed April 4th. The groundbreaking legislation would require universal health care coverage in the Bay state, and is the subject of intense interest in other states ...

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### **Brandeis and Harvard Collaborate To Improve Substance Abuse Treatment In Managed Care**

Nearly 10% of Americans, including 9% of teenagers, abuse alcohol or drugs, but only a small fraction of those who are enrolled in managed care plans receive substance abuse treatment. A new collaboration between Brandeis and Harvard universities promises to make substance abuse treatment a reality for those in need ...

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### **Psychotropic Drug Prescriptions for Teens Surge 250 Percent Over Seven Years**

Psychotropic drug prescriptions for teenagers skyrocketed between 1994 and 2001, rising particularly sharply after 1999, when the federal government allowed direct-to-consumer advertising and looser promotion of off-label use of prescription drugs ...

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### **Drug Abuse Treatment for Connecticut Inmates Reduces Rearrest Rates**

Inmates released from Connecticut prisons who have received substance abuse treatment are significantly less likely to be rearrested, resulting in a benefit of 1.8 to 5.7 times the cost of providing the treatment ...

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### **Drug Discount Cards Save Uninsured Seniors Hundreds of Dollars a Year**

SIHP research finds savings average 15% off pharmacy retail price of medicine. Uninsured seniors could save hundreds of dollars a year on prescription drugs if they use national discount card programs ...

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