# Publication Definitions

**Reports to Congress:** Congressionally mandated reports addressing specific issues related to Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The reports provide thorough analysis, findings, and sometimes recommendations based on detailed research. These reports are published by March 15 and June 15 annually.Top of Form

**Duals Databook:** A specialized report produced with MedPAC that delivers data and insights about people who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. It includes statistics and trends to help shape policies and programs for these individuals.

**MACStats:** *MACStats: Medicaid and CHIP Data Book*, published in December, contains data and information on Medicaid and CHIP that otherwise can be difficult to find and are spread out across multiple sources. *MACStats* provides key statistics and visual data on Medicaid and CHIP. It gives a snapshot of important metrics and trends, helping readers grasp the current state and changes in these programs.

**Issue Briefs:** Issue briefs include an analysis of a particular issue and contain analysis based on the evidence, as well as a conclusion. These briefs are typically 11-15 pages long and often contain appendices and references.

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**Comment Letters:** Official letters from MACPAC offering evidence-based feedback and analysis based on proposed regulations or policy changes. These are typically discussed in advance at Commission meetings.

**Fact Sheets:** Just the facts! Simple, easy-to-read documents that highlight key information about Medicaid and CHIP. Please consider whether an Issue Brief would be more appropriate and whether other organizations are producing similar work. Top of Form

**Policy in Brief:** Summaries of specific policy recommendations. These briefs focus on particular policy questions, offering actionable insights and guidance for policymakers. The purpose of a MACPAC Policy in Brief is to summarize an area of policy interest to states and Congress where MACPAC has made recommendations or has collected a body of evidence. A good Policy in Brief reflects an issue that is of timely interest to Congress or the states. In addition, the Policy in Brief format can be a good option to quickly summarize state policy compendium in an easily digestible format. The primary audience for these briefs are congressional or state staff who need a quick read on an issue.

**Compendiums:** Extensive collections of information on various Medicaid and CHIP topics. These resources bring together definitions, data, and summaries into one comprehensive guide, providing a broad overview of key issues and trends.

**Congressional testimony:** MACPAC is occasionally called to testify before the Congress on Medicaid and CHIP issues.

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