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# ALIGNING SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH

## Health Care + Public Health + Social Services

### ALIGNING SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH MAKES ITS 5TH SMALL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION GRANTS

The Georgia Health Policy Center is pleased to announce that the Urban Institute and Care Share Health Alliance are the newest recipients of small research and evaluation grants from [Aligning Systems for Health: Health Care + Public Health + Social Services](#). Aligning Systems for Health focuses on learning about effective ways to align health care, public health, and social services to better meet the goals and needs of the people and communities they serve.

#### Urban Institute (Washington, D.C.)

Researchers will examine state-run, administrative data systems that have been integrated across public health, health care, and human service agencies to understand their role and value in supporting cross-sector collaboration. The evaluation will examine two states' approaches (Massachusetts and Washington) to designing, governing, implementing, and financing integrated data systems and spotlight how the data have informed decision-making and sparked policy and programmatic changes that have improved health and well-being.

#### Care Share Health Alliance (North Carolina)

This project will use participatory research methods to examine the experience of one North Carolina community that relied on authentic community engagement to form a multi-stakeholder collaborative working to reduce health disparities related to obesity. The theory of change will be examined from the perspective of understanding how its components contribute to sustained authentic, and deep community engagement to align health systems. Qualitative data obtained from community residents and community organizers will provide community context and early indicators of systems change.

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