Spotlight on CalPERS Health Data Strategy & Research

Jared Shinabery, Chief Health Data Strategy Officer, Health Plan Research and Administration Division

Jared Shinabery joined CalPERS in March 2023 as the Chief Health Data Strategy Officer. Jared oversees the Health Research & Information Systems Services (HRISS) section and leads key initiatives to leverage data to drive evidence-based decisions, policies, and programs.

Before joining CalPERS, Jared was the Vice President of Network Success at Aledade, a population health company, where he led a team that helped independent primary care practices across the country lower costs and improve health outcomes utilizing a robust data platform, education, and ongoing support. Prior to that, Jared was the Deputy Secretary of Health Resources and Services and the Chief Business Analytics Officer at the Pennsylvania Department of Health, where he led several statewide initiatives to tackle public health crises, including the opioid epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic, and led the Data Modernization Initiative to build a more robust data ecosystem to drive public health policy and programs.

Jared holds a Master's in Public Health from Tufts University School of Medicine.

David Cowling, Research Scientist, Clinical Policy & Programs Division

David Cowling is a research scientist at CalPERS, where he started in 2012. He leads a research team that assesses and evaluates innovative healthcare strategies. The team has developed and worked on studies to evaluate the effectiveness of price transparency tools, reference pricing, centers of excellence, integrated health management, and telemedicine.

David previously was the head of evaluation for the California Tobacco Control Program, where he led studies on the effectiveness of tobacco control policies, media campaign and in-school education campaigns.

He has a PhD in epidemiology and an MS in statistics from UC Davis.