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Laura Schmidt is the director of health care information for the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Policy and Data Services division. Laura conducts a variety of policy analysis and development including data collection, survey analysis and data policy activities. The Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan study, the AHA Annual Survey, the MHA Monthly Financial Survey and annual MHA compensation surveys are among the projects that Laura administers and supports.

For over 11 years, the MHA has conducted an annual statewide community benefits survey with member hospitals, and Laura assumed responsibility as project coordinator for this activity four years ago. In addition, she has provided oversight and management for the development of Community Benefits Tracker, a robust Web-based tool for collecting and reporting hospital community benefit events on an ongoing basis. Tracker also powers the association survey module.

Laura has provided insight and expertise to several state hospital associations and their respective members in the community benefit arena.

A graduate for the University of Michigan with a degree in Health Care Administration and Political Science, Laura joined the MHA in November 1999.