

# Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP

Survey of Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000



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## US Report: Pediatricians in Direct Patient Care

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**Survey Sample**

Number of Non-federal Pediatricians (1998) <sup>2</sup>	54,988
AAP Fellows Surveyed	13,050
Survey Response Rate	66.8%
Surveys Included in this Report	7,149

**Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures, FY 1998** <sup>3</sup>

Total Medicaid Enrollees	40,377,603
Percent Child Enrollees <sup>4</sup>	56.1%
Total Medicaid Payments	\$142,058 M
Percent Payments to Children <sup>4</sup>	23.3%
Average Payments per Child Enrollee	\$1,449

**Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP**

Currently Participate in Medicaid / SCHIP	89.2% / 88.6%		
Percent who accept ALL Medicaid/ SCHIP / Private Patients	<u>Medicaid</u>	<u>SCHIP</u>	<u>Private</u>
with Patient Caseload At Capacity	67.2%	68.9%	76.5%
with Patient Caseload Under Capacity	64.4%	67.0%	73.3%
with Patient Caseload Over Capacity	68.6%	72.0%	86.1%
	72.3%	71.3%	73.4%

**Medicaid Reimbursement and Participation**

Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead <sup>5</sup>	11.4%
Medicaid payments Do Not Cover Overhead	53.3%
<i>Do not know whether Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead</i>	35.4%
Percent who will see more Medicaid patients with Increased Reimbursement	29.4%
Percentage of Customary Fee for Well-child Visit Needed to:	
Accept More, or any, Medicaid patients	81.5%
Accept All Medicaid patients	86.2%

1 - Report based on a national total of 7149 returned survey. 2 - AMA Master File 1998. 3 - HCFA2082, FY 1998. Data for Oklahoma is based on fee-for-service payments per child recipient for 1997 and are not included in the regional and state totals. 4 - Under Age 21. 5 - Percent of pediatricians who indicate that Medicaid reimburses enough to cover their overhead for seeing Medicaid patients.

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### Reasons for Limiting Participation in Medicaid

*Percent Pediatricians who rated reason "Very Important"*

Low Reimbursement	58.0%
Paperwork Concerns	40.5%
Unpredictable Payments	39.6%
Payment Delays	34.3%
Missed Appointments	32.0%
Increasing State Managed Care Requirements	30.4%
Medicaid Program Too Complex	27.7%
Emergency Room Use	27.4%
Medicaid Patients Less Compliant	26.6%
Regulations Interfere with Quality Medical Care	19.9%

### Managed Care Plans Requiring Medicaid Patients<sup>3</sup>

Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Required	9.1%
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Not Required	34.2%
<i>Do not know</i>	56.7%

### Medicaid Patients' Payment Systems

Managed Care, capitation	32.4%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	42.3%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	21.9%
Other	3.4%

### SCHIP Patients' Payment Systems

Managed Care, capitation	31.6%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	47.0%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	17.5%
Other	3.9%

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### Patient Source of Payment

Commercial Insurance	57.4%
Medicaid	30.4%
SCHIP (if separate from Medicaid)	2.8%
Medicare	1.7%
Uninsured	7.7%
<i>Percent of Services to Uninsured Patients that are Uncompensated:</i>	41.6%

### Patients' Payment Systems

Managed Care, capitation	28.2%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	39.4%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	27.0%
Other	5.3%

### Patient Caseload

At Capacity	57.1%
Under Capacity	24.3%
Over Capacity	18.5%
<i>Average Number of Patients in Practice</i>	3,893

### Work Load

At Capacity	57.7%
Under Capacity	20.7%
Over Capacity	21.6%

### Practice Location

Large Metropolitan (Population 1 Million or Above)	37.4%
Small Metropolitan (Population 50K to 1 Million)	40.7%
Nonmetropolitan (Population Between 2.5K to 50 K)	19.5%
Rural (Population 2.5 K or Under)	2.4%

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**Primary Setting**

Self-Employed Solo Practice	11.1%
Two Physician Practice	6.8%
Pediatric Group Practice	31.8%
Multispecialty Group	14.3%
HMO (Staff Model)	3.6%
Medical School	12.9%
Non-government Hospital	7.2%
Government Hospital or Clinic	6.7%
Other Setting	5.6%

**Percent Time Spent in Professional Activity<sup>2</sup>**

**Percent**      **N**

Direct Patient Care	83.3%	6,670
Self-employed	85.9%	3,142
Other than Self-employed	73.7%	3,834
Administration	13.8%	3,686
Academic Medicine	15.8%	2,216
Research	15.1%	930
Fellowship Training	13.0%	376
Other Activity	15.0%	456

**Percent Time Spent in (Sub)Specialty<sup>2</sup>**

General Pediatrics	88.1%	5,720
Other Specialty / Subspecialty Area	71.1%	2,646

**Gender**

Male	53.7%
Female	46.3%

**Age**

Under 45	52.7%
45 or Above	47.3%
Mean Age	44.6

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2 - Percent time spent in professional activity during a typical workweek. Only non-zero entries are included in the average percents. Therefore the data reflect only those who reported any activities in the specified category. Number of unweighted cases contributing to the average are italicized.