

# Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP

Survey of Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000



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## US Report: Private Office-based Primary Care 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	3,773

**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	87.8% / 86.4%		
Percent who accept ALL Medicaid/ SCHIP / Private Patients	<u>Medicaid</u>	<u>SCHIP</u>	<u>Private</u>
with Patient Caseload At Capacity	54.6%	60.2%	70.8%
with Patient Caseload Under Capacity	52.3%	59.0%	66.9%
with Patient Caseload Over Capacity	59.3%	65.5%	83.6%
	53.8%	56.2%	62.0%

**Medicaid Reimbursement and Participation**

Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead <sup>5</sup>	14.9%
Medicaid payments Do Not Cover Overhead	51.5%
<i>Do not know whether Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead</i>	33.7%
Percent who will see more Medicaid patients with Increased Reimbursement	31.6%
Percentage of Customary Fee for Well-child Visit Needed to:	
Accept More, or any, Medicaid patients	83.1%
Accept All Medicaid patients	87.3%

1 - Report based on a national total of 3773 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	56.3%
Paperwork Concerns	39.4%
Unpredictable Payments	38.7%
Payment Delays	31.2%
Missed Appointments	34.1%
Increasing State Managed Care Requirements	30.5%
Medicaid Program Too Complex	28.1%
Emergency Room Use	30.0%
Medicaid Patients Less Compliant	30.5%
Regulations Interfere with Quality Medical Care	18.3%

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

Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Required	10.1%
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Not Required	43.0%
<i>Do not know</i>	46.9%

### **Medicaid Patients' Payment Systems**

Managed Care, capitation	33.3%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	42.7%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	21.4%
Other	2.6%

### **SCHIP Patients' Payment Systems**

Managed Care, capitation	33.6%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	47.2%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	17.1%
Other	2.1%

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### Patient Source of Payment

Commercial Insurance	66.6%
Medicaid	24.0%
SCHIP (if separate from Medicaid)	2.6%
Medicare	0.4%
Uninsured	6.4%
<i>Percent of Services to Uninsured Patients that are Uncompensated:</i>	32.7%

### Patients' Payment Systems

Managed Care, capitation	29.2%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	39.9%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	27.4%
Other	3.5%

### Patient Caseload

At Capacity	59.2%
Under Capacity	26.5%
Over Capacity	14.3%
<i>Average Number of Patients in Practice</i>	4,396

### Work Load

At Capacity	60.3%
Under Capacity	22.9%
Over Capacity	16.8%

### Practice Location

Large Metropolitan (Population 1 Million or Above)	29.1%
Small Metropolitan (Population 50K to 1 Million)	41.9%
Nonmetropolitan (Population Between 2.5K to 50 K)	26.2%
Rural (Population 2.5 K or Under)	2.8%

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**Primary Setting**

Self-Employed Solo Practice	13.0%
Two Physician Practice	8.6%
Pediatric Group Practice	48.4%
Multispecialty Group	17.4%
HMO (Staff Model)	4.3%
Medical School	0.6%
Non-government Hospital	2.8%
Government Hospital or Clinic	0.3%
Other Setting	4.5%

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

	<u>Percent</u>	<u>N</u>
Direct Patient Care	91.5%	3,667
Self-employed	90.4%	2,075
Other than Self-employed	84.2%	1,733
Administration	11.7%	1,739
Academic Medicine	10.2%	686
Research	8.8%	112
Fellowship Training	9.6%	77
Other Activity	11.5%	209

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

General Pediatrics	100.0%	3,771
Other Specialty / Subspecialty Area	no data	0

**Gender**

Male	51.5%
Female	48.5%

**Age**

Under 45	52.7%
45 or Above	47.3%
Mean Age	44.8

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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.