

# Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP

Survey of Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000



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## Arkansas

This report includes Private Office-based Primary Care  
Pediatricians in Direct Patient Care

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PEDIATRICIAN PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID / SCHIP - Arkansas

Survey of AAP Members, 2000 <sup>1</sup>

	<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>West South Central</u>	<u>US</u>
		(Region includes: AR, LA, OK & TX)	
<b><u>Survey Sample</u></b>			
Number of Non-federal Pediatricians (1998) <sup>2</sup>	367	4,992	54,988
AAP Fellows Surveyed	262	1,184	13,050
Survey Response Rate	60.3%	67.6%	66.8%
Surveys Included in this Report <sup>1</sup>	70	346	3,773
<b><u>Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures, FY 1998</u></b> <sup>3</sup>			
Total Medicaid Enrollees	426,080	4,290,097	40,377,603
Percent Child Enrollees <sup>4</sup>	55.6%	61.5%	56.1%
Total Medicaid Payments	\$1,376 M	\$12,077 M	\$142,058 M
Percent Payments to Children <sup>4</sup>	32.0%	28.7%	23.3%
Average Payments per Child Enrollee	\$2,193	\$1,356	\$1,449
<b><u>Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP</u></b>			
Currently Participate in Medicaid / SCHIP	100.0% / NS	84.4% / NS	87.8% / 86.4%
Percent who accept ALL Medicaid/ SCHIP / Private Patients	<u>Medicaid</u> 79.4% <u>SCHIP</u> NS <u>Private</u> 83.8%	<u>Medicaid</u> 42.9% <u>SCHIP</u> NS <u>Private</u> 61.6%	<u>Medicaid</u> 54.6% <u>SCHIP</u> 60.2% <u>Private</u> 70.8%
with Patient Caseload At Capacity	78.4% ~ NS 83.8% ~	39.2% NS 55.9%	52.3% 59.0% 66.9%
with Patient Caseload Under Capacity	94.1% ~ NS 88.2% ~	57.0% NS 86.3%	59.3% 65.5% 83.6%
with Patient Caseload Over Capacity	58.3% ~ NS 75.0% ~	35.1% NS 49.2%	53.8% 56.2% 62.0%
<b><u>Medicaid Reimbursement and Participation</u></b>			
Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead <sup>5</sup>	36.8%	15.0%	14.9%
Medicaid payments Do Not Cover Overhead	36.8%	53.8%	51.5%
<i>Do not know whether Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead</i>	26.5%	31.2%	33.7%
Percent who will see more Medicaid patients with Increased Reimbursement	37.1%	30.7%	31.6%
Percentage of Customary Fee for Well-child Visit Needed to:			
Accept More, or any, Medicaid patients	85.8%	85.8%	83.1%
Accept All Medicaid patients	89.0%	90.1%	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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<b><u>Reasons for Limiting Participation in Medicaid</u></b>			
<i>Percent Pediatricians who rated reason "Very Important"</i>			
Low Reimbursement	43.3%	65.1%	56.3%
Paperwork Concerns	29.0%	44.8%	39.4%
Unpredictable Payments	27.9%	38.8%	38.7%
Payment Delays	25.0%	31.1%	31.2%
Missed Appointments	26.5%	39.6%	34.1%
Increasing State Managed Care Requirements	24.2%	35.5%	30.5%
Medicaid Program Too Complex	21.2%	32.7%	28.1%
Emergency Room Use	25.0%	41.2%	30.0%
Medicaid Patients Less Compliant	17.9%	40.2%	30.5%
Regulations Interfere with Quality Medical Care	16.4%	17.2%	18.3%
<b><u>Managed Care Plans Requiring Medicaid Patients</u></b> <sup>3</sup>			
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Required	0.0%	3.9%	10.1%
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Not Required	61.4%	57.7%	43.0%
<i>Do not know</i>	38.6%	38.4%	46.9%
<b><u>Medicaid Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	5.2% <sup>~</sup>	18.3%	33.3%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	78.8%	51.0%	42.7%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	15.4% <sup>~</sup>	26.7%	21.4%
Other	0.6% <sup>~</sup>	4.0%	2.6%
<b><u>SCHIP Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	NS	NS	33.6%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	NS	NS	47.2%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	NS	NS	17.1%
Other	NS	NS	2.1%

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<b><u>Patient Source of Payment</u></b>			
Commercial Insurance	53.1%	65.7%	66.6%
Medicaid	34.9%	25.2%	24.0%
SCHIP (if separate from Medicaid)	NS	NS	2.6%
Medicare	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%
Uninsured	10.0%	8.0%	6.4%
<i>Percent of Services to Uninsured Patients that are Uncompensated:</i>	31.5%	29.0%	32.7%
<b><u>Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	9.4%	16.4%	29.2%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	46.3%	53.6%	39.9%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	41.1%	25.3%	27.4%
Other	3.3%	4.7%	3.5%
<b><u>Patient Caseload</u></b>			
At Capacity	56.7%	61.4%	59.2%
Under Capacity	25.4%	23.7%	26.5%
Over Capacity	17.9%	14.9%	14.3%
<i>Average Number of Patients in Practice</i>	6,329	3,899	4,396
<b><u>Work Load</u></b>			
At Capacity	61.8%	60.9%	60.3%
Under Capacity	22.1%	22.7%	22.9%
Over Capacity	16.2%	16.4%	16.8%
<b><u>Practice Location</u></b>			
Large Metropolitan (Population 1 Million or Above)	0.0%	31.7%	29.1%
Small Metropolitan (Population 50K to 1 Million)	60.0%	42.6%	41.9%
Nonmetropolitan (Population Between 2.5K to 50 K)	38.6%	23.4%	26.2%
Rural (Population 2.5 K or Under)	1.4%	2.2%	2.8%

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<b><u>Primary Setting</u></b>			
Self-Employed Solo Practice	15.7%	14.9%	13.0%
Two Physician Practice	2.9%	12.5%	8.6%
Pediatric Group Practice	60.0%	45.2%	48.4%
Multispecialty Group	15.7%	21.3%	17.4%
HMO (Staff Model)	0.0%	0.9%	4.3%
Medical School	1.4%	0.3%	0.6%
Non-government Hospital	1.4%	1.4%	2.8%
Government Hospital or Clinic	0.0%	no data	0.3%
Other Setting	2.9%	3.5%	4.5%
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in Professional Activity<sup>2</sup></u></b>			
	<b><u>Percent</u></b>	<b><u>N</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
			<b><u>N</u></b>
Direct Patient Care	90.5%	64	94.0%
Self-employed	91.5%	45	92.9%
Other than Self-employed	72.7%	23	89.7%
Administration	13.9%	32	10.1%
Academic Medicine	15.3%	10	7.1%
Research	4.0%	2	12.2%
Fellowship Training	-	0	6.0%
Other Activity	5.0%	1	10.2%
			10
			11.5%
			209
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in (Sub)Specialty<sup>2</sup></u></b>			
General Pediatrics	100.0%	70	99.9%
Other Specialty / Subspecialty Area	-	0	no data
			0
			no data
			0
<b><u>Gender</u></b>			
Male	57.1%		52.9%
Female	42.9%		47.1%
			51.5%
			48.5%
<b><u>Age</u></b>			
Under 45	56.5%		57.6%
45 or Above	43.5%		42.4%
Mean Age	43.4		43.7
			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.

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