

# Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP

Survey of Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000



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## South Carolina

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

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PEDIATRICIAN PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID / SCHIP - South Carolina

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

	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>South Atlantic</u>	<u>US</u>
		(Region includes: DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA & WV)	
<b><u>Survey Sample</u></b>			
Number of Non-federal Pediatricians (1998) <sup>2</sup>	593	10,048	54,988
AAP Fellows Surveyed	291	2,521	13,050
Survey Response Rate	65.3%	66.2%	66.8%
Surveys Included in this Report <sup>1</sup>	89	675	3,773
<b><u>Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures, FY 1998</u></b> <sup>3</sup>			
Total Medicaid Enrollees	656,263	7,032,022	40,377,603
Percent Child Enrollees <sup>4</sup>	56.4%	57.2%	56.1%
Total Medicaid Payments	\$2,019 M	\$21,733 M	\$142,058 M
Percent Payments to Children <sup>4</sup>	28.8%	25.7%	23.3%
Average Payments per Child Enrollee	\$1,371	\$1,357	\$1,449
<b><u>Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP</u></b>			
Currently Participate in Medicaid / SCHIP	95.5% / NS	87.5% / 86.0%	87.8% / 86.4%
Percent who accept ALL Medicaid/ SCHIP / Private Patients	<u>Medicaid</u> 43.2% <u>SCHIP</u> NS <u>Private</u> 65.4%	<u>Medicaid</u> 58.8% <u>SCHIP</u> 61.4% <u>Private</u> 72.4%	<u>Medicaid</u> 54.6% <u>SCHIP</u> 60.2% <u>Private</u> 70.8%
with Patient Caseload At Capacity	43.9% ~ NS 63.4% ~	57.1% 60.4% 69.2%	52.3% 59.0% 66.9%
with Patient Caseload Under Capacity	40.0% ~ NS 84.0% ~	63.9% 68.1% 86.3%	59.3% 65.5% 83.6%
with Patient Caseload Over Capacity	46.7% ~ NS 40.0% ~	51.7% 53.1% 56.4%	53.8% 56.2% 62.0%
<b><u>Medicaid Reimbursement and Participation</u></b>			
Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead <sup>5</sup>	17.9%	21.8%	14.9%
Medicaid payments Do Not Cover Overhead	58.3%	45.3%	51.5%
<i>Do not know whether Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead</i>	23.8%	32.9%	33.7%
Percent who will see more Medicaid patients with Increased Reimbursement	60.2%	42.5%	31.6%
Percentage of Customary Fee for Well-child Visit Needed to:			
Accept More, or any, Medicaid patients	87.7%	83.8%	83.1%
Accept All Medicaid patients	92.7%	88.5%	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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	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>South Atlantic</u> (Region includes: DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA & WV)	<u>US</u>
<b><u>Reasons for Limiting Participation in Medicaid</u></b>			
<i>Percent Pediatricians who rated reason "Very Important"</i>			
Low Reimbursement	69.0%	48.4%	56.3%
Paperwork Concerns	27.4%	38.4%	39.4%
Unpredictable Payments	32.5%	34.8%	38.7%
Payment Delays	21.2%	25.3%	31.2%
Missed Appointments	43.2%	35.9%	34.1%
Increasing State Managed Care Requirements	20.5%	28.8%	30.5%
Medicaid Program Too Complex	21.5%	24.8%	28.1%
Emergency Room Use	35.7%	30.1%	30.0%
Medicaid Patients Less Compliant	41.2%	29.2%	30.5%
Regulations Interfere with Quality Medical Care	10.7%	15.1%	18.3%
<b><u>Managed Care Plans Requiring Medicaid Patients</u><sup>3</sup></b>			
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Required	0.0%	9.7%	10.1%
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Not Required	59.1%	39.7%	43.0%
<i>Do not know</i>	40.9%	50.7%	46.9%
<b><u>Medicaid Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	12.5% <sup>~</sup>	28.4%	33.3%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	38.2%	48.0%	42.7%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	44.1%	20.0%	21.4%
Other	5.2% <sup>~</sup>	3.6%	2.6%
<b><u>SCHIP Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	NS	28.2%	33.6%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	NS	49.9%	47.2%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	NS	17.2%	17.1%
Other	NS	4.8%	2.1%

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<b><u>Patient Source of Payment</u></b>			
Commercial Insurance	57.7%	59.7%	66.6%
Medicaid	35.3%	29.7%	24.0%
SCHIP (if separate from Medicaid)	NS	2.7%	2.6%
Medicare	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Uninsured	6.7%	7.4%	6.4%
<i>Percent of Services to Uninsured Patients that are Uncompensated:</i>	33.8%	31.5%	32.7%
<b><u>Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
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Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	52.5%	42.2%	39.9%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	32.1%	25.6%	27.4%
Other	5.6%	3.8%	3.5%
<b><u>Patient Caseload</u></b>			
At Capacity	52.8%	61.4%	59.2%
Under Capacity	30.3%	25.8%	26.5%
Over Capacity	16.9%	12.8%	14.3%
<i>Average Number of Patients in Practice</i>	5,547	5,144	4,396
<b><u>Work Load</u></b>			
At Capacity	52.8%	61.9%	60.3%
Under Capacity	27.0%	22.0%	22.9%
Over Capacity	20.2%	16.1%	16.8%
<b><u>Practice Location</u></b>			
Large Metropolitan (Population 1 Million or Above)	1.1%	27.0%	29.1%
Small Metropolitan (Population 50K to 1 Million)	63.2%	44.0%	41.9%
Nonmetropolitan (Population Between 2.5K to 50 K)	28.7%	24.6%	26.2%
Rural (Population 2.5 K or Under)	6.9%	4.5%	2.8%

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<b><u>Primary Setting</u></b>						
Self-Employed Solo Practice	8.0%	11.5%	13.0%			
Two Physician Practice	11.5%	10.1%	8.6%			
Pediatric Group Practice	66.7%	57.3%	48.4%			
Multispecialty Group	5.7%	8.8%	17.4%			
HMO (Staff Model)	0.0%	4.1%	4.3%			
Medical School	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%			
Non-government Hospital	3.4%	2.5%	2.8%			
Government Hospital or Clinic	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%			
Other Setting	4.6%	5.0%	4.5%			
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in Professional Activity</u><sup>2</sup></b>						
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>N</u>
Direct Patient Care	91.7%	88	91.3%	660	91.5%	3,667
Self-employed	88.7%	47	88.8%	373	90.4%	2,075
Other than Self-employed	86.6%	45	87.2%	311	84.2%	1,733
Administration	9.2%	43	11.4%	332	11.7%	1,739
Academic Medicine	9.4%	26	10.9%	129	10.2%	686
Research	5.5%	2	9.9%	19	8.8%	112
Fellowship Training	12.8%	4	12.7%	16	9.6%	77
Other Activity	7.3%	3	12.1%	35	11.5%	209
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in (Sub)Specialty</u><sup>2</sup></b>						
General Pediatrics	99.9%	89	100.0%	675	100.0%	3,771
Other Specialty / Subspecialty Area	-	0	no data	0	no data	0
<b><u>Gender</u></b>						
Male	61.8%		53.3%		51.5%	
Female	38.2%		46.7%		48.5%	
<b><u>Age</u></b>						
Under 45	53.9%		56.9%		52.7%	
45 or Above	46.1%		43.1%		47.3%	
Mean Age	44.0		44.2		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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