

# Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP

Survey of Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2000



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## Georgia

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

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**PEDIATRICIAN PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID / SCHIP - Georgia**

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

	<u>Georgia</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>	1,315	10,048	54,988
AAP Fellows Surveyed	326	2,521	13,050
Survey Response Rate	81.0%	66.2%	66.8%
Surveys Included in this Report <sup>1</sup>	163	984	5,487
<b><u>Medicaid Enrollment and Expenditures, FY 1998</u></b> <sup>3</sup>			
Total Medicaid Enrollees	1,223,439	7,032,022	40,377,603
Percent Child Enrollees <sup>4</sup>	61.0%	57.2%	56.1%
Total Medicaid Payments	\$3,012 M	\$21,733 M	\$142,058 M
Percent Payments to Children <sup>4</sup>	28.3%	25.7%	23.3%
Average Payments per Child Enrollee	\$1,133	\$1,357	\$1,449
<b><u>Pediatrician Participation in Medicaid/SCHIP</u></b>			
Currently Participate in Medicaid / SCHIP	88.3% / 86.5%	90.0% / 86.6%	89.5% / 87.1%
Percent who accept ALL Medicaid/ SCHIP / Private Patients	<u>Medicaid</u> 71.5% <u>SCHIP</u> 67.7% <u>Private</u> 77.1%	<u>Medicaid</u> 65.4% <u>SCHIP</u> 65.5% <u>Private</u> 76.1%	<u>Medicaid</u> 61.2% <u>SCHIP</u> 63.7% <u>Private</u> 74.3%
with Patient Caseload At Capacity	71.4% 67.6% 72.7%	63.8% 63.2% 73.0%	58.4% 62.0% 70.4%
with Patient Caseload Under Capacity	75.7% 71.0% 86.5%	65.7% 70.1% 87.5%	64.8% 67.7% 85.7%
with Patient Caseload Over Capacity	66.7% 60.9% 77.8%	65.5% 66.2% 67.0%	64.0% 64.5% 69.5%
<b><u>Medicaid Reimbursement and Participation</u></b>			
Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead <sup>5</sup>	21.9%	19.6%	13.2%
Medicaid payments Do Not Cover Overhead	47.1%	49.3%	54.4%
<i>Do not know whether Medicaid Payments Cover Overhead</i>	31.0%	31.1%	32.4%
Percent who will see more Medicaid patients with Increased Reimbursement	39.6%	39.5%	31.0%
Percentage of Customary Fee for Well-child Visit Needed to:			
Accept More, or any, Medicaid patients	82.9%	83.3%	82.0%
Accept All Medicaid patients	89.5%	88.2%	86.5%

1 - Report based on a national total of 5487 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	52.3%	52.9%	58.4%
Paperwork Concerns	40.7%	39.7%	40.6%
Unpredictable Payments	42.0%	34.9%	39.5%
Payment Delays	33.3%	28.8%	33.3%
Missed Appointments	36.4%	35.2%	33.8%
Increasing State Managed Care Requirements	25.7%	30.8%	31.1%
Medicaid Program Too Complex	25.3%	25.4%	28.6%
Emergency Room Use	36.2%	28.9%	28.4%
Medicaid Patients Less Compliant	26.0%	29.7%	29.5%
Regulations Interfere with Quality Medical Care	17.1%	17.0%	19.9%
<b><u>Managed Care Plans Requiring Medicaid Patients</u></b> <sup>3</sup>			
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Required	4.4%	9.7%	9.6%
Acceptance of Medicaid Patients Not Required	35.8%	36.1%	39.1%
<i>Do not know</i>	59.7%	54.2%	51.3%
<b><u>Medicaid Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	14.9%	25.5%	31.1%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	65.0%	48.7%	43.6%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	13.7%	20.9%	22.0%
Other	6.4%	4.9%	3.3%
<b><u>SCHIP Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	15.5%	25.7%	31.7%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	64.9%	51.7%	48.7%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	13.4%	17.8%	16.7%
Other	6.2%	4.7%	2.9%

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<b><u>Patient Source of Payment</u></b>			
Commercial Insurance	57.6%	57.2%	63.1%
Medicaid	31.1%	31.2%	26.1%
SCHIP (if separate from Medicaid)	3.3%	2.4%	2.4%
Medicare	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%
Uninsured	6.7%	7.9%	7.0%
<i>Percent of Services to Uninsured Patients that are Uncompensated:</i>	34.2%	37.4%	38.2%
<b><u>Patients' Payment Systems</u></b>			
Managed Care, capitation	25.0%	26.4%	27.6%
Managed Care, reduced fee-for-service	46.3%	43.2%	40.2%
Non-managed Care System (i.e., traditional fee-for-service)	22.6%	25.9%	27.8%
Other	6.2%	4.5%	4.4%
<b><u>Patient Caseload</u></b>			
At Capacity	56.3%	60.6%	57.5%
Under Capacity	25.9%	23.8%	25.7%
Over Capacity	17.7%	15.6%	16.8%
<i>Average Number of Patients in Practice</i>	5,741	4,762	4,048
<b><u>Work Load</u></b>			
At Capacity	57.9%	60.8%	58.6%
Under Capacity	22.0%	20.0%	21.8%
Over Capacity	20.1%	19.2%	19.6%
<b><u>Practice Location</u></b>			
Large Metropolitan (Population 1 Million or Above)	42.9%	31.5%	33.3%
Small Metropolitan (Population 50K to 1 Million)	34.2%	43.0%	41.5%
Nonmetropolitan (Population Between 2.5K to 50 K)	21.7%	21.6%	22.7%
Rural (Population 2.5 K or Under)	1.2%	3.9%	2.5%

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<b><u>Primary Setting</u></b>			
Self-Employed Solo Practice	13.2%	12.8%	13.6%
Two Physician Practice	11.3%	10.5%	8.5%
Pediatric Group Practice	42.1%	44.8%	39.5%
Multispecialty Group	13.8%	11.3%	17.8%
HMO (Staff Model)	5.7%	3.3%	4.4%
Medical School	0.6%	1.3%	1.3%
Non-government Hospital	3.1%	7.6%	7.6%
Government Hospital or Clinic	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%
Other Setting	10.1%	7.9%	6.6%
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in Professional Activity</u><sup>2</sup></b>			
	<b><u>Percent</u></b>	<b><u>N</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	90.9%	154	88.5%
	<i>954</i>	<i>951</i>	87.7%
Self-employed	90.7%	86	87.6%
	<i>86</i>	<i>515</i>	87.4%
Other than Self-employed	87.3%	71	80.5%
	<i>71</i>	<i>483</i>	78.1%
Administration	11.9%	82	12.5%
	<i>82</i>	<i>525</i>	13.1%
Academic Medicine	13.2%	20	11.6%
	<i>20</i>	<i>250</i>	11.9%
Research	7.0%	9	11.7%
	<i>9</i>	<i>93</i>	11.6%
Fellowship Training	8.3%	4	13.1%
	<i>4</i>	<i>43</i>	12.2%
Other Activity	7.5%	6	14.9%
	<i>6</i>	<i>52</i>	11.8%
	<i>353</i>		
<b><u>Percent Time Spent in (Sub)Specialty</u><sup>2</sup></b>			
General Pediatrics	96.8%	130	93.7%
	<i>130</i>	<i>800</i>	92.0%
Other Specialty / Subspecialty Area	77.6%	44	75.4%
	<i>44</i>	<i>297</i>	70.3%
	<i>1,661</i>		
<b><u>Gender</u></b>			
Male	59.3%		57.2%
	<i>59.3%</i>		55.3%
Female	40.7%		42.8%
	<i>40.7%</i>		44.7%
<b><u>Age</u></b>			
Under 45	58.9%		53.0%
	<i>58.9%</i>		49.5%
45 or Above	41.1%		47.0%
	<i>41.1%</i>		50.5%
Mean Age	43.1		44.9
	<i>43.1</i>		45.5

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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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