



EPSDT and Children's Coverage Costs

Despite the breadth of coverage provided to children in Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) program, spending per child is low compared with working-age and older adults and with the disabled (\$1,736, \$10,619, and \$10,642 in FY 2001). On average, \$1,315 was spent in FY 2001 for each child in EPSDT.

TABLE 1. PER CAPITA MEDICAID SPENDING ON CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S MEDICAID ENROLLMENT BY STATE

	Per capita Medicaid spending on children ^a	Percentage of children in state enrolled in Medicaid ^b	Number of children enrolled in Medicaid ^c
United States	\$1,315	35%	23,380,500
Alabama	1,389	36	382,800
Alaska	2,631	37	63,100
Arizona	1,330	38	438,400
Arkansas	1,293	49	273,200
California	1,062	37	3,340,300
Colorado	1,688	22	219,100
Connecticut	1,214	30	242,900
Delaware	1,749	35	61,400
District of Columbia	1,973	71	76,300
Florida	1,040	39	1,231,100
Georgia	1,131	41	735,800
Hawaii	1,109	26	88,100
Idaho	1,069	32	110,000
Illinois	1,343	34	1,035,200
Indiana	1,313	33	496,100
Iowa	1,450	26	167,000
Kansas	1,213	24	158,200
Kentucky	1,683	40	382,700
Louisiana	855	49	509,300
Maine	3,136	36	94,800
Maryland	2,107	31	402,700
Massachusetts	1,474	31	454,000
Michigan	890	33	785,500
Minnesota	1,936	26	322,500
Mississippi	1,006	50	372,900
Missouri	1,410	40	562,200
Montana	1,868	22	54,900
Nebraska	1,575	34	149,200
Nevada	1,380	23	84,100
New Hampshire	2,276	21	66,500
New Jersey	1,532	24	455,900
New Mexico	1,623	51	272,000
New York	1,740	34	1,653,200
North Carolina	1,233	26	689,500
North Dakota	1,378	19	31,500
Ohio	1,168	32	902,200
Oklahoma	1,208	49	438,700
Oregon	1,474	31	249,200
Pennsylvania	1,559	28	801,200
Rhode Island	1,863	38	89,600
South Carolina	1,266	48	452,300
South Dakota	1,300	32	63,500
Tennessee	1,123	49	694,500
Texas	1,362	32	1,557,500
Utah	1,687	18	125,800
Vermont	1,776	43	67,300
Virginia	1,189	23	373,800

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Washington	\$1,064	41%	575,700
West Virginia	1,464	45	174,900
Wisconsin	1,025	26	318,000
Wyoming	1,236	29	33,900

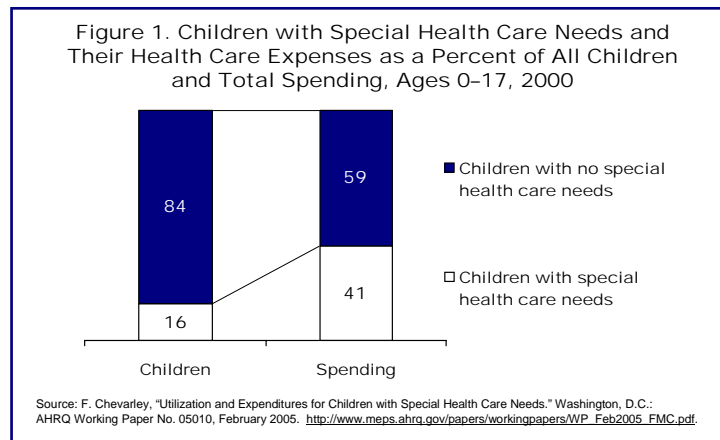
^a Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation <http://www.statehealthfacts.org> (accessed September 6, 2005). Data are for FY 2001.

^b Source: U.S. Medicaid Facts from the AAP and NACH July 2005. Data are for FY 2002.

^c Source: The Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on data from Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS) reports from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 2005. Data are for FY 2001.

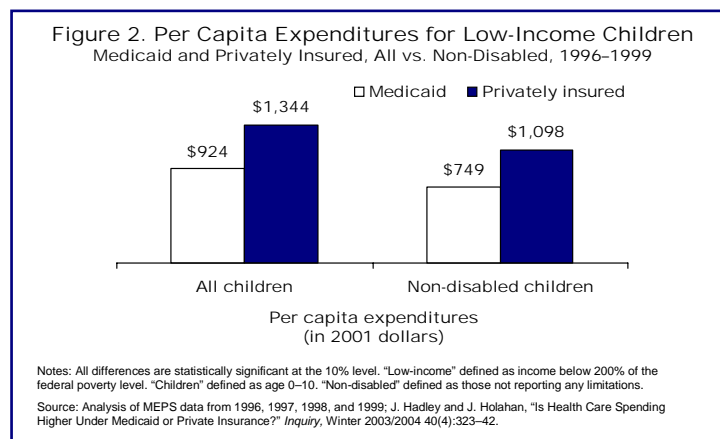
High-Cost Cases

Only 16.2 percent of children have special health care needs, but they account for 41 percent of total spending (Figure 1).¹ Publicly insured children are more likely to have special needs than privately insured children (19.2% vs. 16.2%).



Private and Public Spending on Children

In 2000, average medical expenses per publicly insured child were \$1,262, compared with \$1,112 per privately insured child.² These averages are six and three times higher, respectively, than the median medical expenses for children with public (\$198) and private (\$366) insurance. These large differences are due to a very small group of children accounting for a disproportionate share of overall health care costs. Figure 2 shows that from 1996 to 1999, spending on Medicaid children was actually lower than spending on privately insured children when controlling for health status and other socioeconomic differences.



¹ F. Chevarley, "Utilization and Expenditures for Children with Special Health Care Needs" (Washington, D.C.: AHRQ Working Paper No.05010, Feb. 2005). Available at http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/papers/workingpapers/WP_Feb2005_FMC.pdf.

² Ibid.