

Benefits and Services Provided to Medicaid Beneficiaries in South Carolina State Fiscal Year 2017

PATIENT CARE

Medicaid helped pay for health and long-term care services for nearly 1.1 million eligible beneficiaries in state fiscal year (SFY) 2017, including very poor families, people with disabilities, family planning recipients, and low-income elderly citizens. Slightly more than half of these beneficiaries were children.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Medicaid helped pay for behavioral health services for over 247,000 South Carolinians in SFY 2017, including care for both mental health conditions and substance abuse.

Approximately 23% of all Medicaid beneficiaries had a behavioral health diagnosis in SFY 2016 and SFY 2017. Since SFY 2013, the percentage with a behavioral health claim has increased nearly 4%.

INPATIENT CARE

There were approximately 14,800 Medicaid beneficiaries residing in skilled nursing facilities in SFY 2016 and SFY 2017. Since SFY 2014, this number has decreased by almost 600.

Medicaid paid approximately 45,000 health care providers for the vital services they provided in SFY 2017, an increase of 20% since SFY 2013 and 4% since SFY 2016.

According to the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (2017), Medicaid insurance coverage represented 16% of South Carolina hospitals' occupancy rate in SFY 2016.

During the last four state fiscal years, maternity care, mental health care, and treatment for septicemia were the primary reasons patients received inpatient treatment.



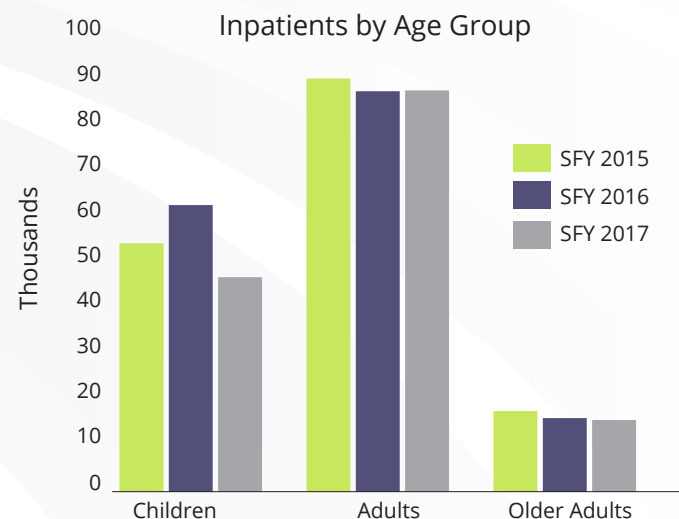
Maternity care was a primary reason patients received hospital care.
SFY 2013–SFY 2017



The majority (58%) of patients receiving behavioral health services were children.
SFY 2017



Prescribed drugs was one of the most commonly used benefits.
SFY 2017



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Almost 432,000 emergency department (ED) patients were served in SFY 2017, which is a decrease of almost 4% since SFY 2016.

Adults (ages 19 to 64) and older adults (ages 65 and older) made up 57% of ED visits and 83% of admissions from the ED, even though they only represented 47% of ED patients in SFY 2017.

Although children (ages 0-18) comprised 53% of ED patients, they represented only 17% of admissions from the ED.

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)/respiratory infections were the primary reason patients visited the ED in SFY 2017, accounting for over almost 68,000 visits. This is a decrease of 7% from SFY 2016.



ACCESS TO PHARMACEUTICALS

Prescriptions were received by approximately 708,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in SFY 2017. Of these, 64% were children ages 0 to 18.

DENTAL CARE

Medicaid covers dental services for all beneficiaries as part of a comprehensive set of benefits. In SFY 2017, almost 456,000 individuals in South Carolina received dental services through Medicaid. This is a 5% increase from SFY 2016.

On average, in SFY 2017, dental patients each visited the dentist twice per year. 81% of those receiving dental services were children.

