

MEDICAID PROVIDERS; A SNAPSHOT

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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This issue brief provides a snapshot of how many Medicaid providers (dentists and physicians) are participating in the Medicaid program from FY 2008 through January 1, 2010 and how many clients they are serving. This brief also discusses how many clients are seen at publicly-funded clinics. Participation in the Medicaid program by providers is optional and qualifying providers can start or stop serving clients at will.

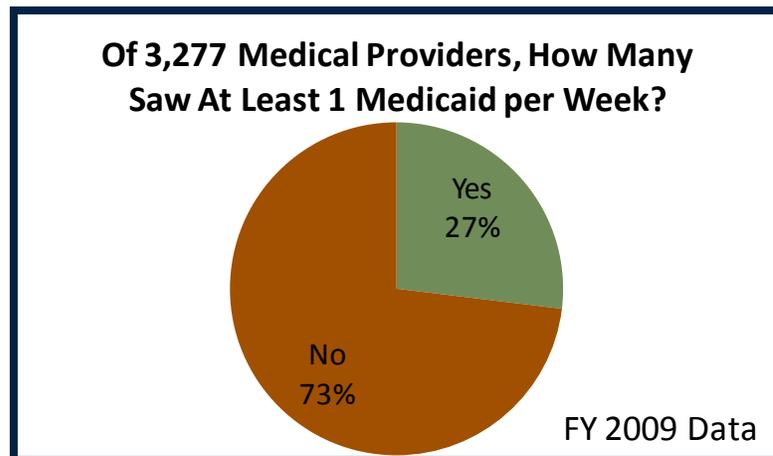
OBJECTIVE

The objective of this brief is to show the changes over time in the participation of dentists and doctors in the Medicaid program.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Physicians

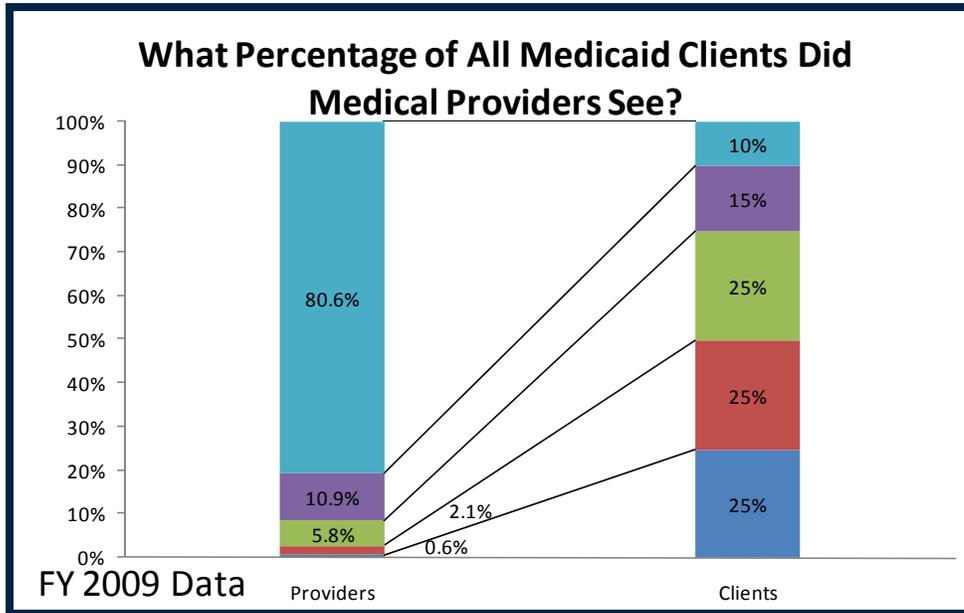
FY 2009 Medicaid billing showed that 3,277 medical doctors or clinics (urgent/instacare, physician groups, emergency rooms, etc.) helped with at least 1 of 429,000 Medicaid claims. Of those 3,277 providers, 27% or 882 providers saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week (52 per year). This is depicted in the chart below:



In FY 2008 this same percentage was 30%. In FY 2010 through January 1, 2010, this percentage has been 39%.

The table below illustrates what percentage of the 3,277 medical providers saw 25%, 50%, 75% and 90% of all Medicaid clients. The numbers show the following:

- 19 or 0.6% of all providers saw 25% of all Medicaid clients
- 88 or 2.7% of all providers saw 50% of all Medicaid clients
- 279 or 8.5% of all providers saw 75% of all Medicaid clients
- 637 or 19.4% of all providers saw 90% of all Medicaid clients
- 2,640 or 80.6% of all providers saw the remaining 10% of Medicaid clients



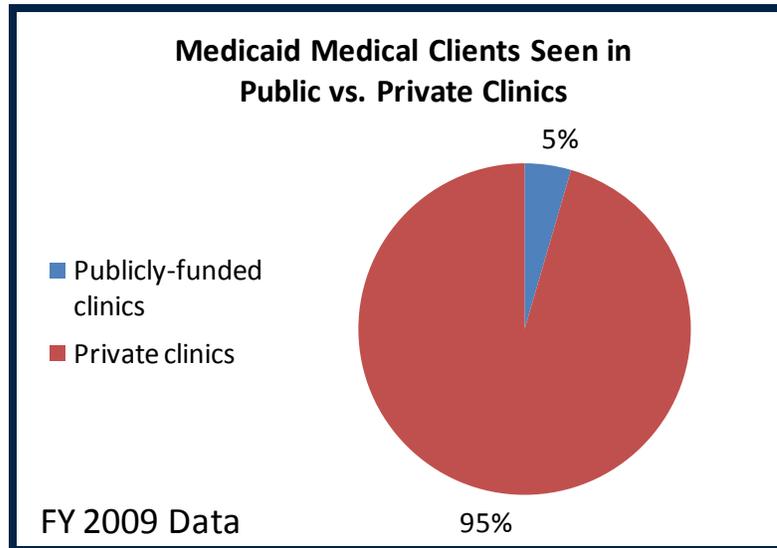
Who are the 88 medical providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients? A quick analysis shows that of these 88 providers 84 or 95% are clinics/hospitals with the other 4 or 5% being individual practitioners. Sixty-seven or 76% of the 88 providers practice in the counties of Utah, Salt Lake, Weber or Davis. Five or 6% of these 88 providers are publicly-funded local health department clinics.

In FY 2008 there were 101 medical providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients. In FY 2010 through January 1, 2010, there have been 83 providers seeing 50% of all Medicaid clients. During this same period of time the number of licensed doctors in the State increased 7% for FY 2009 and 3% for FY 2010. The change in provider rates over this time was a 2% increase from FY 2008 to FY 2009 and a 0.5% decrease from FY 2009 to FY 2010.

What role do publicly-funded clinics play? Of the 3,277 providers who saw at least 1 Medicaid client in FY 2009, 63 or 2% are publicly-funded. These 63 publicly-funded providers saw 5% of all Medicaid clients. There are four types of publicly-funded clinics as discussed below:

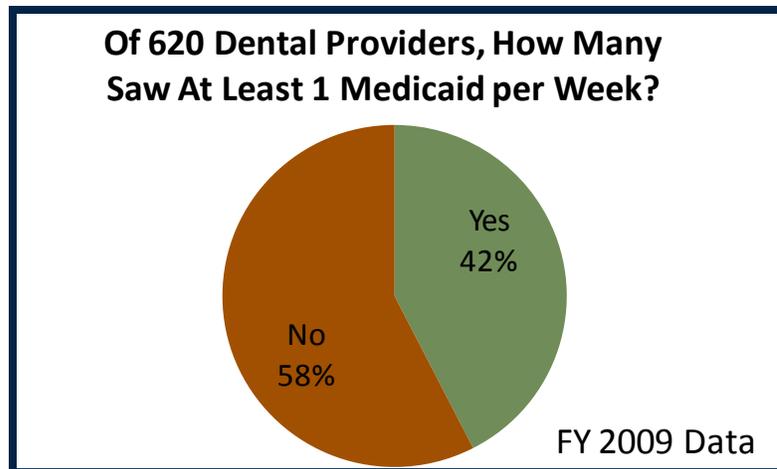
- 1) Local health department clinics – 11 local health departments also provide medical services and saw 16,478 or 85% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics
- 2) Community Health Centers – sixteen clinics which receive State and federal grants as well as a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate saw 1,526 or 8% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics
- 3) State-run health clinics – the Department of Health maintains 4 medical clinics and saw 968 or 5% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics
- 4) Local Government Operations – the Kane County Hospital is supported with local taxes. The operations there saw 346 or 2% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics.

The number of clinics in the four items mentioned above totals 32. The reason there are 63 publicly-funded providers is because some providers bill by their name even though they work at a publicly-funded clinic. This results in multiple providers at the same publicly-funded location. The distribution of medical clients seen by public vs. private-funded clinics is depicted in the graph below:



Dentists

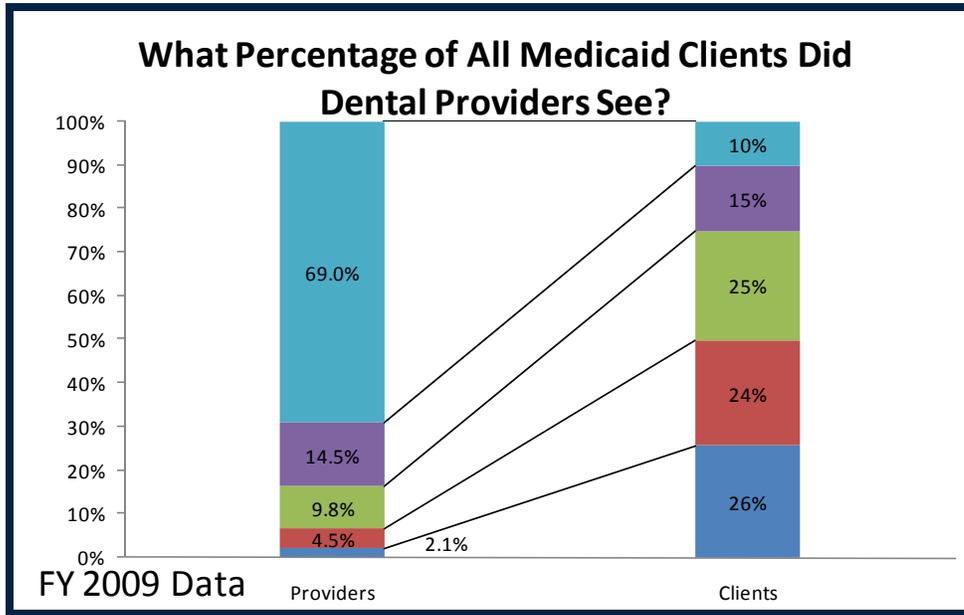
FY 2009 Medicaid billing showed that 620 dentists or dental clinics helped with at least 1 of 106,100 Medicaid claims. Of those 620 providers, 42% or 263 providers saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week (52 per year). This is depicted in the chart below:



In FY 2008 this percentage was also 42%. In FY 2010 through January 1, 2010, this percentage has been 46%.

The table below illustrates what percentage of the 620 dental providers saw 25%, 50%, 75% and 90% of all Medicaid clients. The numbers show the following:

- 13 or 2.1% of all providers saw 26% of all Medicaid clients
- 41 or 6.6% of all providers saw 50% of all Medicaid clients
- 102 or 16.5% of all providers saw 75% of all Medicaid clients
- 192 or 31.0% of all providers saw 90% of all Medicaid clients
- 428 or 69.0% of all providers saw the remaining 10% of Medicaid clients



Who are the 41 dental providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients? A quick analysis shows that of these 41 providers 5 or 12% are clinics with the other 36 or 88% being individual practitioners. Thirty-three of the 41 providers practice in the counties of Utah, Salt Lake, Weber or Davis. Four of the 5 clinics are the State-run dental clinics.

In FY 2008 there were 37 dental providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients. In FY 2010 through January 1, 2010, there have been 37 dental providers seeing 50% of all Medicaid clients. During this same period of time the number of licensed dentists in the State increased 4% for FY 2009 and 2% for FY 2010. The change in provider rates over this time was a 2.3% increase from FY 2008 to FY 2009 and two decreases during FY 2009, the first a 9.3% decrease in October 2008 and the second a 25.6% decrease in May 2009.

What role do publicly-funded clinics play? Of the 263 providers who saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week (52 per year), 7 or 2.7% are publicly-funded. These 7 publicly-funded clinics saw 8% of all Medicaid clients. There are two types of publicly-funded clinics as discussed below:

- 1) State-run health clinics – the Department of Health maintains five dental clinics and saw 7,735 or 91% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics
- 2) Local health department clinics – two local health departments also provide dental services and saw 810 or 9% of clients seen by publicly-funded clinics

The distribution of dental clients seen by public vs. private-funded clinics is depicted in the graph below:

