

# MEDICAID PROVIDERS; A SNAPSHOT

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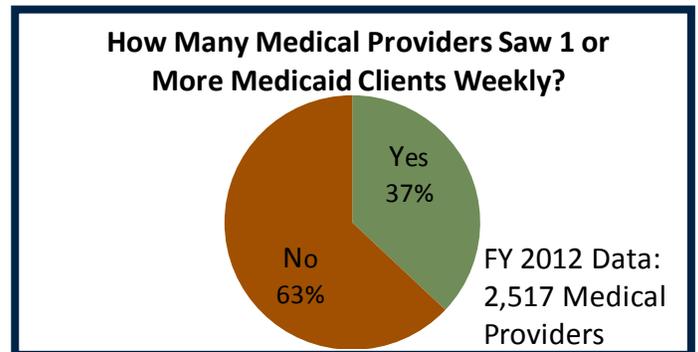
## SUMMARY

This issue brief provides a snapshot of how many Medicaid providers (physicians, dentists, and pharmacies) participated in the Medicaid fee-for-service program from FY 2008 through FY 2012 and how many clients they served. In general the data indicates that participation for physicians in the fee-for-service Medicaid program is decreasing, while dentist participation is increasing, and pharmacy participation has remained relatively constant. The fee-for-service program for physician services served about 60% of all Medicaid clients from FY 2008 through FY 2012. The fee-for-service program for dental and pharmacy services serves 100% of Medicaid clients. Participation in the Medicaid program by providers is optional and qualifying providers can start or stop serving clients at will. This brief is for informational purposes only and requires no Legislative action.

## DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

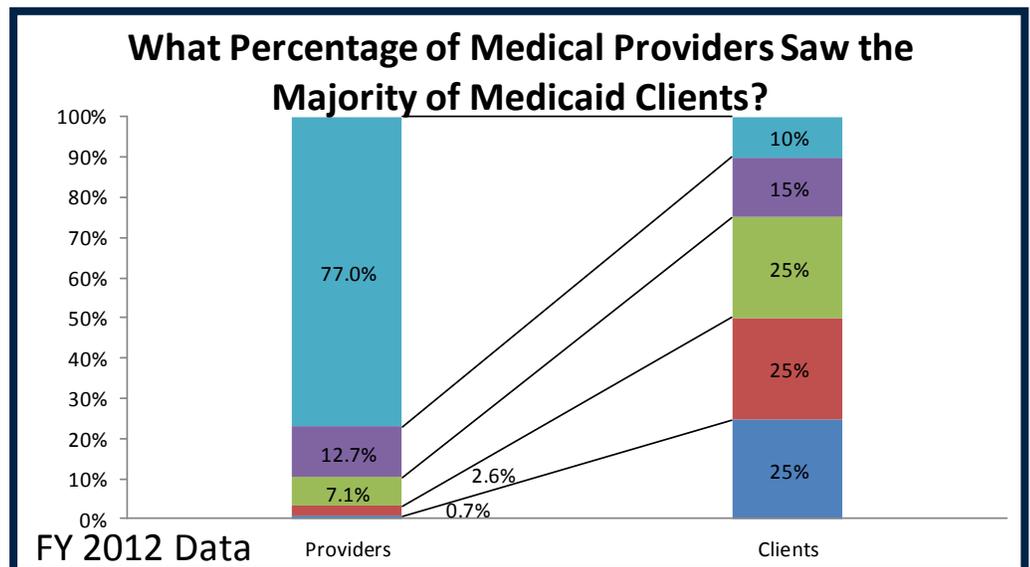
### Physicians<sup>1</sup>

FY 2012 Medicaid billing showed that 2,517 medical doctors or clinics (urgent/instacare, physician groups, emergency rooms, etc.) served at least 1 of 506,222<sup>ii</sup> fee-for-service Medicaid clients. Of those 2,517 providers, 37% or 932 providers served at least 1 Medicaid client per week (52 per year). The chart to the right shows this information:



The chart below illustrates what percentage of the 2,517 medical providers served 25%, 50%, 75% and 90% of all Medicaid clients. The numbers show the following:

- 17 or 0.7% of all providers served 25% of all Medicaid clients.
- 82 or 3.3% of all providers served 50% of all Medicaid clients.
- 260 or 10.3% of all providers served 75% of all Medicaid clients.
- 579 or 23.0% of all providers served 90% of all Medicaid clients.
- 1,938 or 77.0% of all providers served the remaining 10% of Medicaid clients.



**Who are the 82 medical providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients?**

A quick analysis shows that of these 82 providers 12 or 15% have “ER” or “Emergency” in their name (suggesting services received at emergency rooms). Six or 7% of these 82 providers are publicly-funded local health department clinics. The remaining 78% comes from physician groups, specific facilities, or departments within a hospital.

**What Are the Trends Since FY 2008 for Physician Participation in the Medicaid Program?**

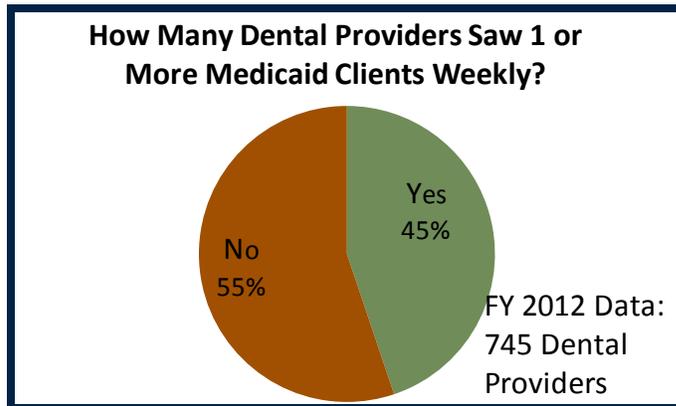
In general, the trends for FY 2008 through FY 2012 in the table below show a decrease in the number of physicians serving clients in the fee-for-service Medicaid program. FY 2012 was the first year during this period that year-over-year participation by physicians increased. Additionally, the number of providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients has been decreasing annually starting at 101 in FY 2008 to 82 in FY 2012.

Category	Physicians				
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
# of providers seeing clients	3,366	3,277	2,919	2,464	2,517
Percentage that saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week	30%	27%	31%	38%	37%
# of providers seeing 50% of all Medicaid clients	101	88	85	83	82
% change in licensed providers	2%	7%	4%	3%	-3%
% change in providers rates	8.5%	1.9%	-0.3%*	0%*	0%*
% change in all Medicaid clients	-3%	12%	16%	12%	3%

\*These rate changes estimated by the Analyst.

**Dentists<sup>i</sup>**

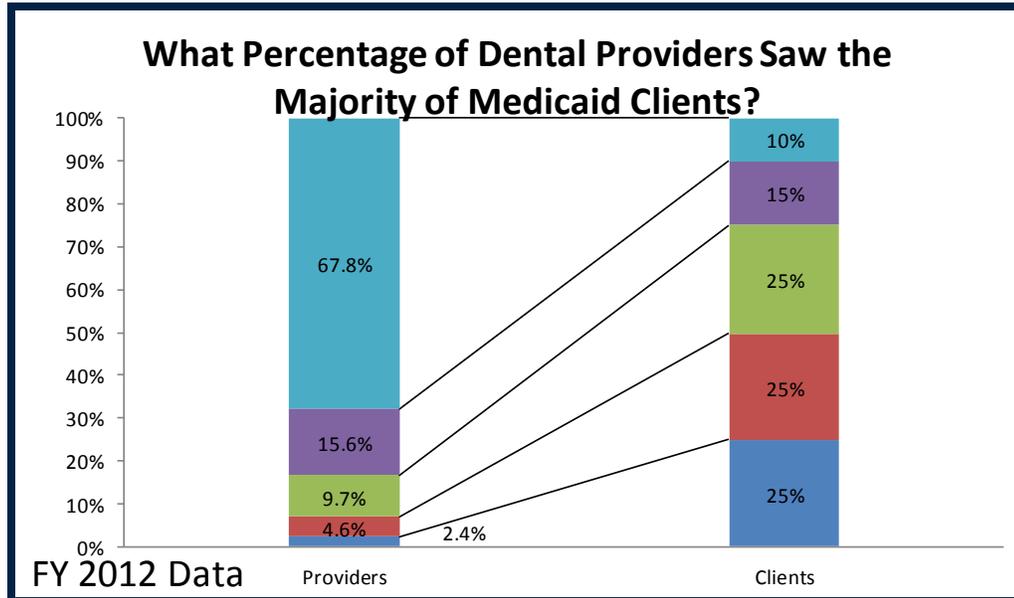
FY 2012 Medicaid billing showed that 745 dentists or dental clinics served at least 1 of 129,349<sup>ii</sup> Medicaid clients. Of those 745 providers, 45% or 334 providers saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week (52 per year). This is depicted in the chart below:



The chart below illustrates what percentage of the 745 dental providers served 25%, 50%, 75% and 90% of all Medicaid clients. The numbers show the following:

- 18 or 2.4% of all providers served 25% of all Medicaid clients.
- 52 or 7.0% of all providers served 50% of all Medicaid clients.
- 124 or 16.6% of all providers served 75% of all Medicaid clients.

- 240 or 32.2% of all providers served 90% of all Medicaid clients.
- 505 or 67.8% of all providers served the remaining 10% of Medicaid clients.



**Who are the 52 dental providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients?**

A quick analysis shows that of these 52 providers three or 6% are clinics with the other 49 or 94% being individual practitioners. Two of the three clinics are the State-run dental clinics.

**What Are the Trends Since FY 2008 for Dental Participation in the Medicaid Program?**

The trends for FY 2008 through FY 2012 in the table below show an upward trend in the number of dentists serving clients in the Medicaid program. Additionally, the number of providers serving 50% of all Medicaid clients has been increasing annually starting at 37 in FY 2008 to 52 in FY 2012.

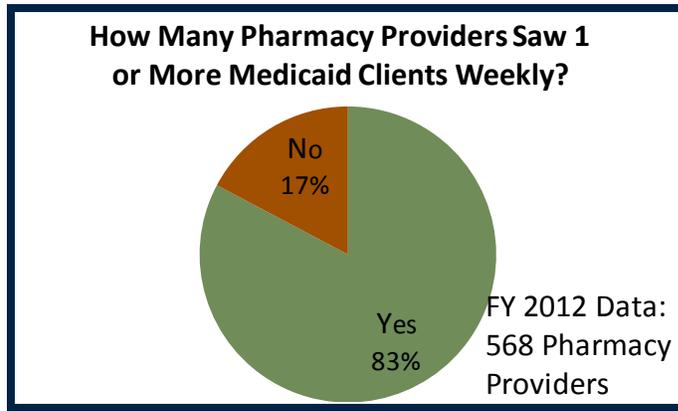
Dentists					
Category	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
# of providers seeing clients	597	620	689	682	745
Percentage that saw at least 1 Medicaid client per week	42%	42%	39%	44%	45%
# of providers seeing 50% of all Medicaid clients	37	41	47	49	52
% change in licensed providers	2%	4%	3%	0%	-7%
% change in providers rates	27.5%	-0.5%	-4.5%*	0%*	0%*
% change in all Medicaid clients	-3%	12%	16%	12%	3%

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**Pharmacies<sup>i</sup>**

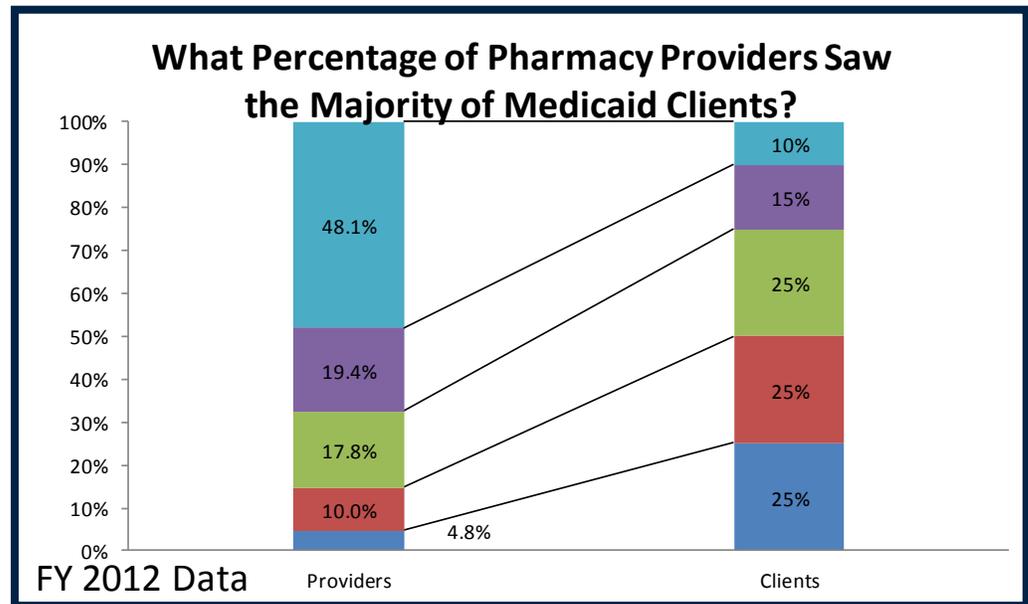
FY 2012 Medicaid billing showed that 568 pharmacies helped with at least 1 of 350,045<sup>ii</sup> Medicaid clients. Of the 568 providers, 83% or 470 providers served at least 1 Medicaid claim per week (52 per year). The chart below depicts this information.

In FY 2010 this percentage was 85% among 584 pharmacies. In FY 2011 this percentage was 83% among 566 pharmacies.



The chart below illustrates what percentage of the 568 pharmacies served 25%, 50%, 75% and 90% of all Medicaid clients. The numbers show the following:

- 27 or 4.8% of all providers served 25% of all Medicaid clients.
- 84 or 14.8% of all providers served 50% of all Medicaid clients.
- 185 or 32.6% of all providers served 75% of all Medicaid clients.
- 295 or 51.9% of all providers served 90% of all Medicaid clients.
- 273 or 48.1% of all providers served the remaining 10% of Medicaid clients.



In FY 2010 85 providers served 50% of all Medicaid clients. In FY 2011 84 providers served 50% of all Medicaid clients.

<sup>i</sup> The number of providers in each category is based upon the provider ID number used by Medicaid. To the extent that the same provider has different provider ID numbers (such as a provider who works in multiple locations), this will make the same provider show up as multiple providers.

<sup>ii</sup> Some Medicaid clients visit more than one provider. The unduplicated Medicaid client count for FY 2012 was 397,813.