

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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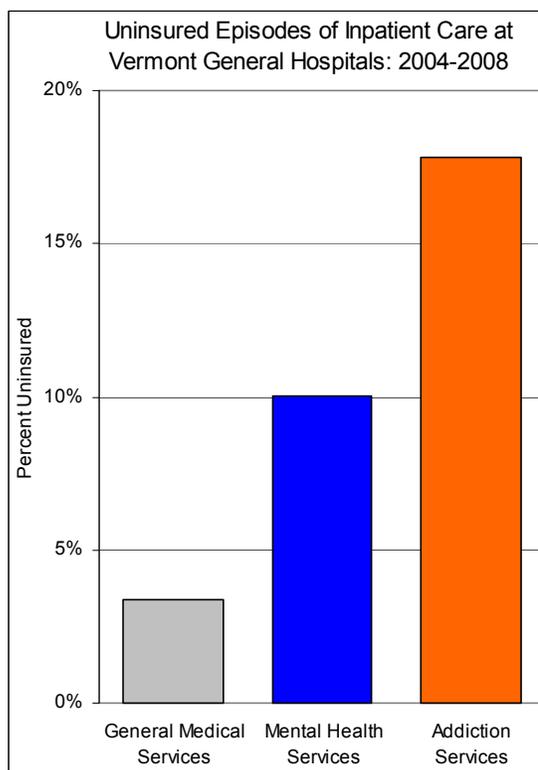
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RE: Uninsured MH & SA General Hospital Episodes: CY2004 - 2008

This week's brief report continues our examination of uninsured episodes of inpatient care in Vermont general hospitals. Previous reports compared rates of uninsured mental health/addiction episodes with rates of uninsured general medical episodes.¹ This week's report compares rates of uninsured inpatient mental health care with rates of uninsured inpatient addiction care and rates of uninsured general medical care. This analysis was requested by Michael Hartman, Vermont's Commissioner of Mental Health.

All findings are based on analysis of anonymous extracts from the Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set maintained by the Vermont Department of Health. Uninsured episodes of care include those reported as "self pay" or "no charge."

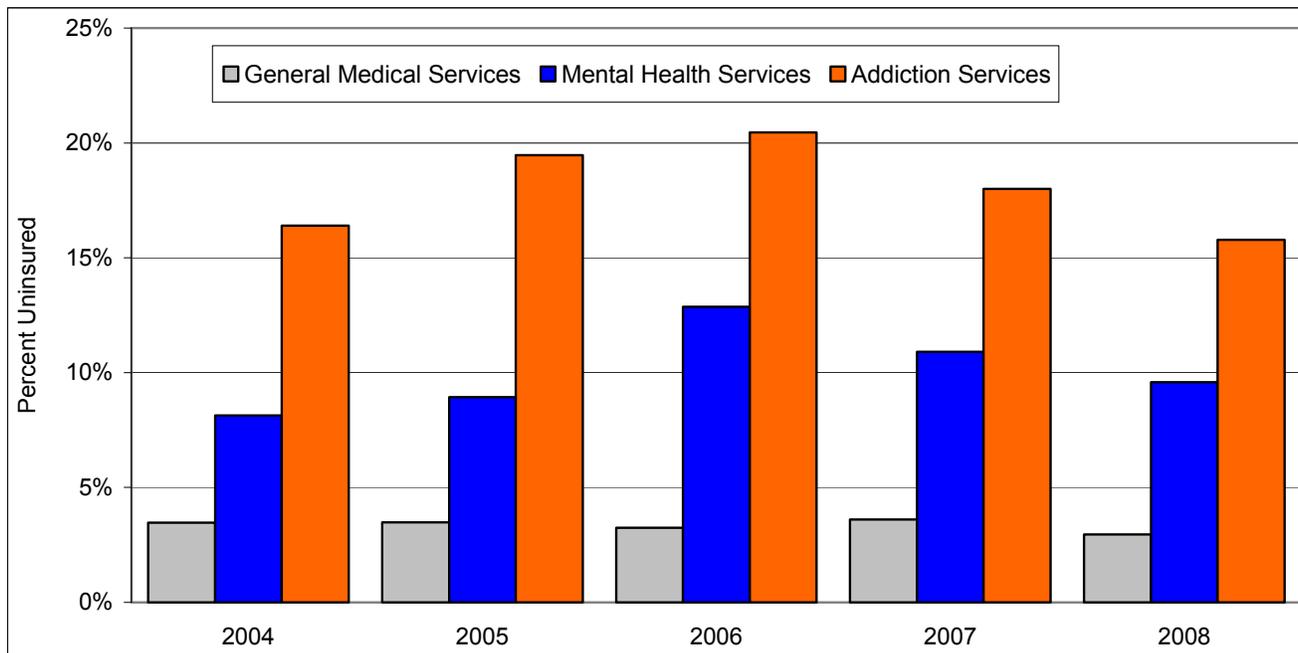
As you will see, during the five year period under examination, 18% of episodes of care for addiction services were uninsured, 10% of episodes of care for mental health services were uninsured, and 3% of episodes of care for general medical services were uninsured. Episodes of care for addiction services were more than five times as likely to be uninsured as episodes of care for general medical services, and episodes of care for mental health services were three times as likely to be uninsured as episodes of care for general medical services.



We look forward to your suggestions for further analysis of these data. Please send your questions, comments, and interpretation of these findings to 802-241-4049 or pip@vdh.state.vt.us.

¹ http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Dec_18_2009.pdf
http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Feb_26_2010.pdf

Uninsured Episodes of Inpatient Care at Vermont General Hospitals for General Medical Services, Mental Health Services, or Addiction Services CY2004 - CY2008



	General Medical Services			Mental Health Services				Addiction Services			
	Total Episodes	Uninsured		Total Episodes	Uninsured			Total Episodes	Uninsured		
		#	%		#	%	Relative Rate *		#	%	Relative Rate *
2004	37,117	1,289	3%	2,433	198	8%	2.3	494	81	16%	4.7
2005	37,465	1,306	3%	2,282	204	9%	2.6	380	74	19%	5.6
2006	36,773	1,195	3%	2,154	277	13%	4.0	352	72	20%	6.3
2007	37,321	1,345	4%	1,999	218	11%	3.0	339	61	18%	5.0
2008	37,534	1,108	3%	2,087	200	10%	3.2	437	69	16%	5.3
Total	186,210	6,243	3%	10,955	1,097	10%	3.0	2,002	357	18%	5.3

* Relative Rate is the uninsured rate of hospitalizations for mental health or addiction services divided by the uninsured rate for general medical services. A relative rate of 2.0 for mental health indicates that hospitalizations for mental health are twice as likely to be uninsured as hospitalizations for general medical services.

Information is derived from the Vermont Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set maintained by the Vermont Department of Health. Episodes of inpatient care for mental health or addiction services include those with MDC codes of 19 or 20. Uninsured episodes of care include those where primary payer was reported as "Self Pay" or "No Charge".