

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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RE: Uninsured General Hospital Episodes in Vermont

This week's brief report provides information regarding the proportion of general hospital episodes of care that were provided to uninsured patients. This information is provided for inpatient episodes of care for mental health or addiction services and for general medical care during calendar year 2008.

All findings are based on analysis of anonymous extracts from the Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set maintained by the Vermont Department of Health. For this analysis, mental health or addiction services include all episodes of inpatient care with a major diagnostic category of mental health or substance abuse. Uninsured episodes of care include those reported as "self pay" or "no charge". Four data elements (patient date of birth, gender, responsibility for fee, and major diagnostic category) were used in this analysis.

As you will see, episodes of mental health or addiction services were substantially more likely than episodes of general medical services to be uninsured (11% vs. 3%).

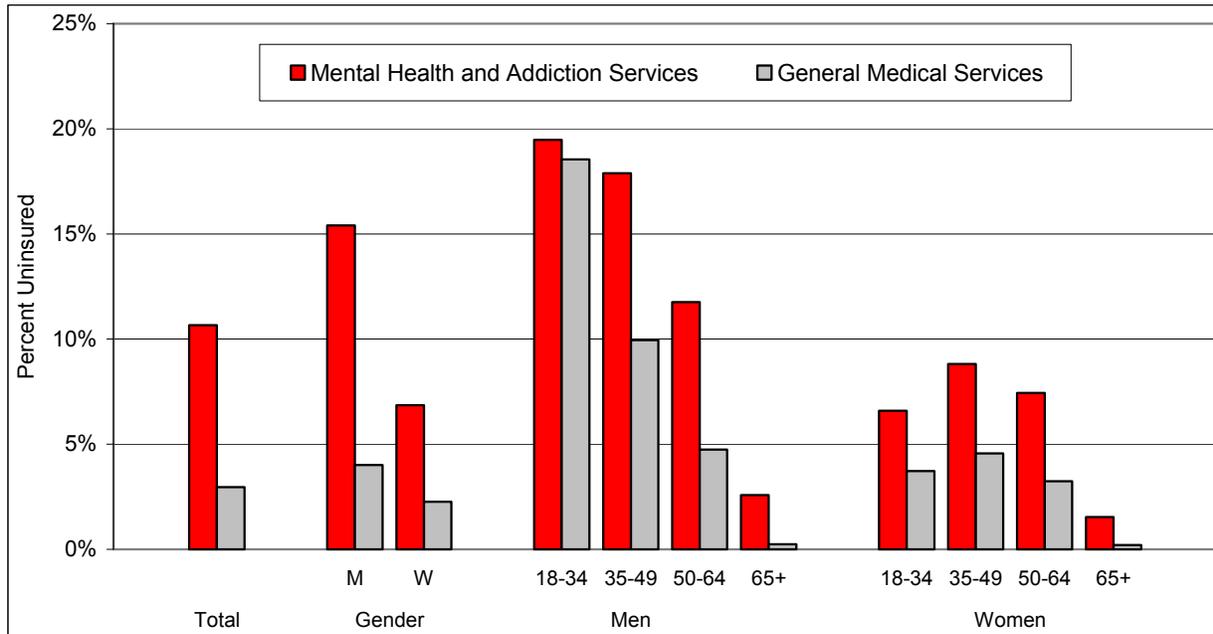
Men's episodes of care were substantially more likely than women's episodes of care to be uninsured (15% of men vs. 7% of women for mental health or addiction services and 4% for men vs. 2% for women for general medical services.).

The groups with the highest uninsured rates for mental health or addiction services were men in the 18-34 and 35-49 age groups (19% and 18%, respectively). The groups with the highest uninsured rates for general medical services were also men in the 18-34 and 35-49 age groups (19% and 10%, respectively).

The groups with the lowest uninsured rates for mental health or addiction services were men and women in the 65+ age group (3% and 2% respectively), and the groups with the lowest uninsured rates for general medical services were also men and women in the 65+ age group (0.2 % each).

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.

Uninsured Episodes of Inpatient Care at Vermont General Hospitals Mental Health or Addiction Services and General Medical Services: CY2008



	Mental Health or Addiction Services			General Medical Services		
	Total Episodes	Uninsured		Total Episodes	Uninsured	
		#	%		#	%
Total	2,524	269	11%	37,534	1,108	3%
Gender						
Men	1,123	173	15%	14,939	599	4%
Women	1,401	96	7%	22,595	509	2%
Men						
18-34	344	67	19%	1,035	192	19%
35-49	408	73	18%	2,010	200	10%
50-64	255	30	12%	3,958	188	5%
65+	116	3	3%	7,936	19	0.2%
Women						
18-34	410	27	7%	6,026	224	4%
35-49	499	44	9%	3,200	146	5%
50-64	296	22	7%	3,706	120	3%
65+	196	3	2%	9,663	19	0.2%

Information is derived from the Vermont Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set maintained by the Vermont Department of Health. Mental health or addiction services includes hospitalization for mental health or substance abuse treatment (MDC 19 or 20). Uninsured episodes of care include those where primary payer was reported as "Self Pay" or "No Charge".