

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani and Barbara Carroll

DATE: February 19, 2010

RE: Medicaid Coverage in CRT Programs

This week's report is the third in a series that examines historical and program level variation in the number and proportion of Vermont community mental health services recipients who are covered by Medicaid.¹ This report focuses on Vermont's Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) programs for adults with serious mental illness. Information regarding number and proportion of CRT service recipients with Medicaid coverage is provided for each of ten regional service providers for fiscal years 1989, 1999, and 2009.

This report is based on analysis of Monthly Service Report data submitted to the Department of Mental Health by the designated agencies. All individuals reported by CRT programs are included in this analysis. CRT clients who have Medicaid coverage may have other insurance coverage as well.

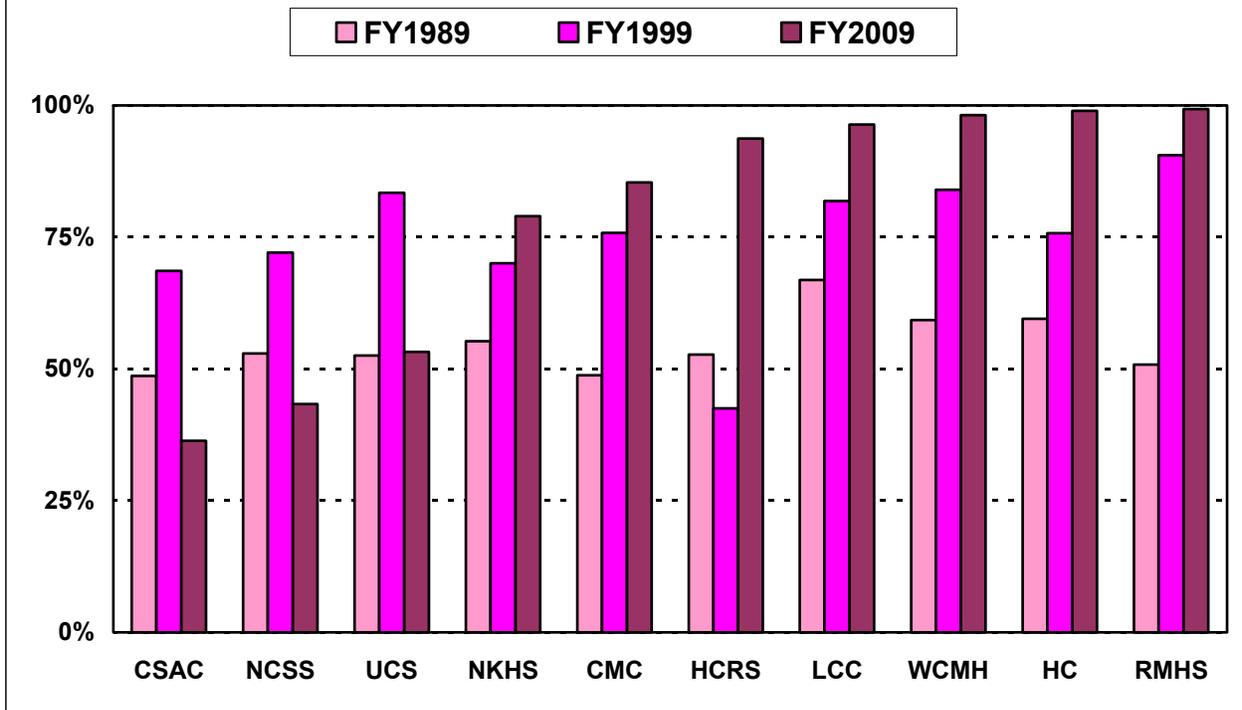
As you will see, there were substantial differences among CRT programs in the proportion of service recipients who were covered by Medicaid in FY2009. Statewide, 84% of CRT service recipients were covered by Medicaid. Medicaid coverage at local providers, however, varied from more than 90% at five agencies [Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS), Lamoille County Connections (LCC), Washington County Mental Health (WCMH), HowardCenter (HC), and Rutland Mental Health Services (RMHS)] to less than 45% at the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) and Northwestern Counseling and Support Services (NCSS).

There were also substantial changes over time in the proportion of CRT service recipients who were covered by Medicaid. Statewide, the proportion with Medicaid coverage increased from 56% in FY1989 to 74% in FY1999 and to 84% in FY2009. This represents an overall increase of 50%. Among local providers, the increase in Medicaid coverage was greatest at Clara Martin Center (CMC), HCRS and RMHS, where the proportion with Medicaid coverage increased by 75% or more between FY1989 and FY2009. The proportion of CRT clients with Medicaid coverage decreased at CSAC and NCSS between 1989 and 2009.

We look forward to your questions, comments, and requests for further analysis. As always, we can be reached at pip@vdh.state.vt.us or 802-241-4049.

¹ See http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Jan_1_2010.pdf and http://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/dmh/files/pip/DMH-PIP_Feb_12_2010.pdf

Medicaid Coverage in CRT Programs



<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY1989</u>		<u>FY1999</u>		<u>FY2009</u>	
	Total Number	% with Medicaid	Total Number	% with Medicaid	Total Number	% with Medicaid
CSAC	115	49%	172	69%	187	36%
NCSS	170	53%	233	72%	233	43%
UCS	99	53%	187	83%	184	53%
NKHS	331	55%	397	70%	357	79%
CMC	82	49%	124	76%	192	85%
HCRS	364	53%	395	43%	384	94%
LCC	169	67%	138	82%	138	96%
WCMH	572	59%	463	84%	429	98%
HC	457	60%	647	76%	685	99%
RMHS	301	51%	317	91%	284	99%
Statewide	2,660	56%	3,073	74%	3,073	84%

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Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project.