

# Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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## MEMORANDUM

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

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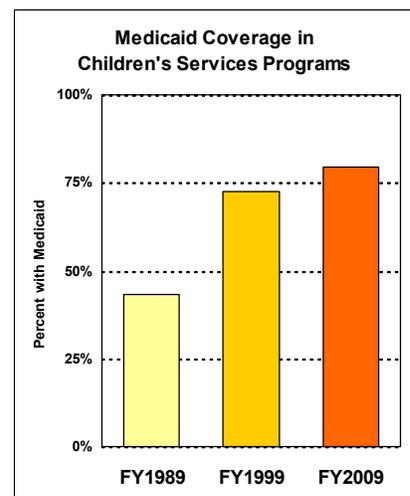
RE: Medicaid Coverage in Children's Mental Health Programs

This week's report is the first in a series that examines historical and program level variation in the proportion of Vermont community mental health service recipients who are covered by Medicaid. This report focuses on recipients of Children's Services programs. Information regarding number and proportion of service recipients who have Medicaid coverage is provided for each of ten regional service programs 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 DMH designated agencies. All individuals with Medicaid coverage reported by Children's Services programs are included in this analysis. These individuals may have other insurance coverage as well.

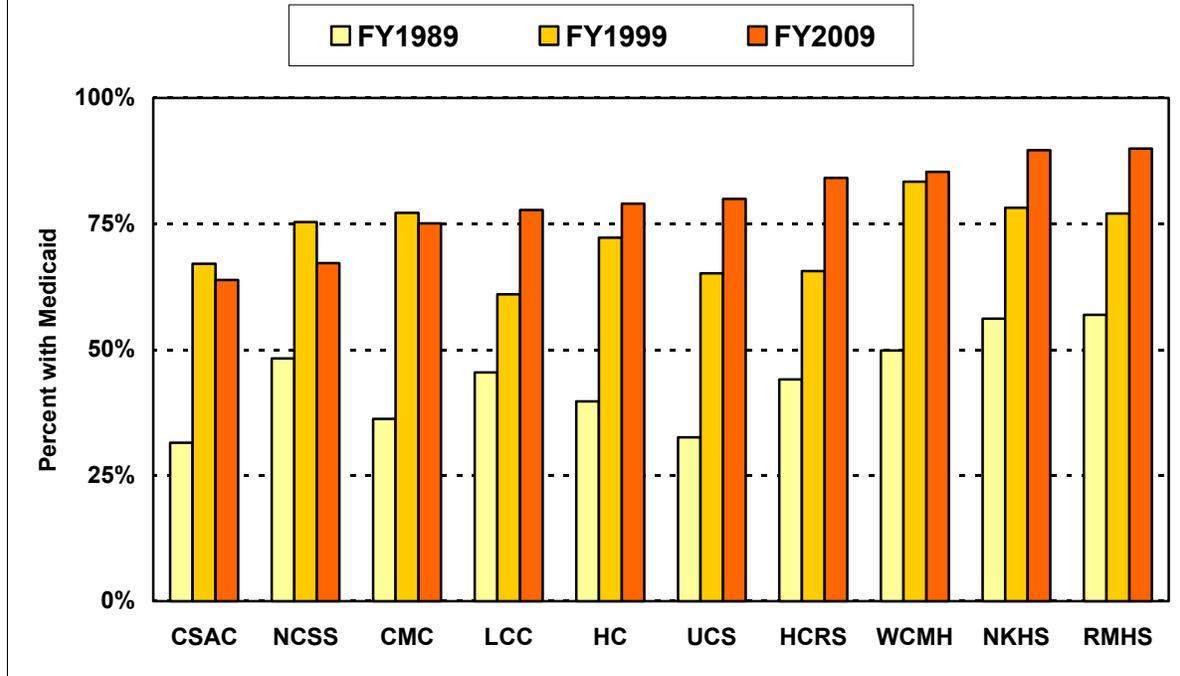
As you will see, there were substantial differences in FY2009 among children's programs in the proportion of service recipients who were covered by Medicaid. Statewide, 80% of service recipients were covered by Medicaid. Medicaid coverage at local providers varied from 90% at Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) and Rutland Mental Health Services (RMHS) to less than 70% 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 Children's Service recipients who were covered by Medicaid. Statewide, the proportion with Medicaid coverage increased from 43% in FY1989 to 72% in FY1999 and to 80% in FY2009. This represents an overall percentage increase of 84%. Among local providers, the increase in Medicaid coverage was greatest at United Counseling Services (UCS), Clara Martin Center (CMC) and CSAC, where the proportion with Medicaid coverage more than doubled between FY1989 and FY2009. The increase in Medicaid coverage was least (less than 40%) at NCSS.



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

## Medicaid Coverage in Children's Services Programs



	<u>FY1989</u>		<u>FY1999</u>		<u>FY2009</u>	
	Total Number	% with Medicaid	Total Number	% with Medicaid	Total Number	% with Medicaid
CSAC	645	31%	746	67%	691	64%
NCSS	259	48%	547	75%	1,243	67%
CMC	309	36%	521	77%	542	75%
LCC	143	45%	169	61%	359	78%
HC	433	40%	1,220	72%	1,951	79%
UCS	218	33%	514	65%	573	80%
HCRS	628	44%	1,303	66%	1,455	84%
WCMH	315	50%	564	83%	764	85%
NKHS	399	56%	1,005	78%	947	90%
RMHS	325	57%	696	77%	915	90%
Statewide	3,674	43%	7,285	72%	9,440	80%

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Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project.