

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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

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RE: Medicaid Eligible Children

This week's brief PIP report was prepared in response to a question about any change in utilization of Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) services by children and adolescents with Medicaid coverage. As such, this report provides information regarding access to care.

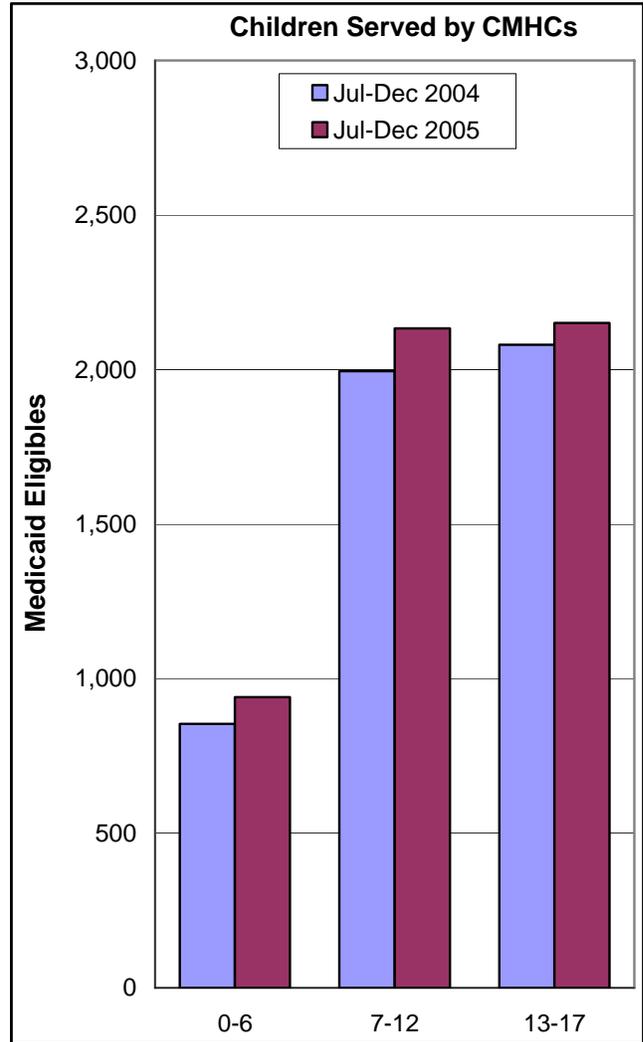
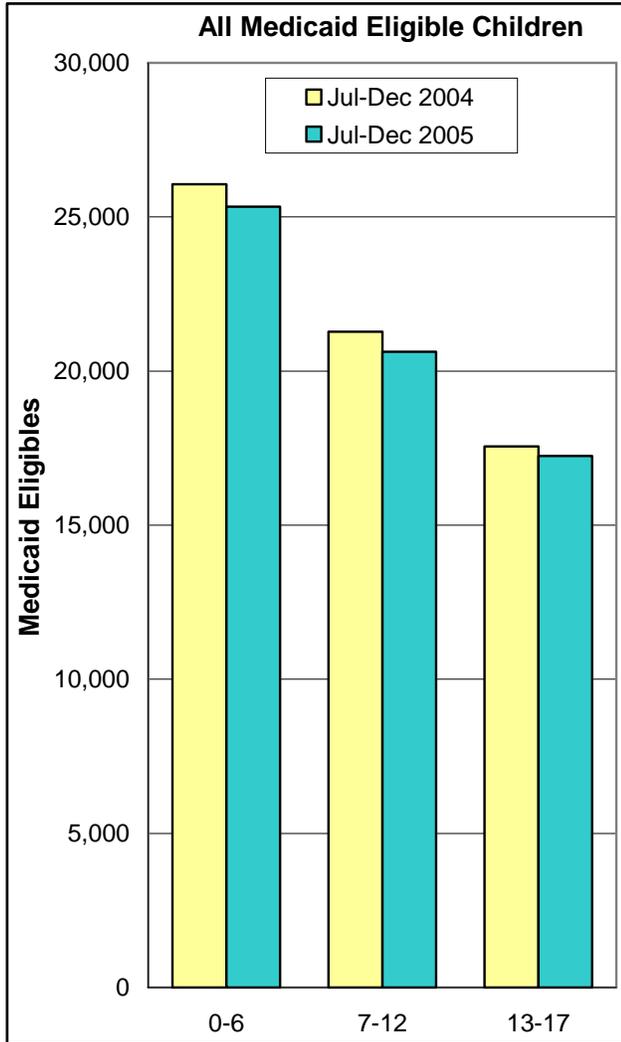
Specifically, this report provides CMHC utilization rates for Medicaid enrolled young people in three age groups: 0-6, 7-12, and 13-17. Data for this analysis was extracted from the Vermont Medicaid database and the DMH Monthly Service Report (MSR) database for July- December 2004 and July – December 2005.

As you will see, the number of young people enrolled in Medicaid decreases with increasing age during both study years. The number of young Medicaid enrollees served by CMHCs, however, increased substantially from the 0-6 to 7-12 age groups, and then changed very little between 7-12 and 13-17. The proportion of young Medicaid enrollees who received CMHC services increased slightly during the study period, from 3.3% to 3.7% in the 0-6 age group, from 9.4% to 10.3% in the 7-12 age group, and from 11.8% to 12.5% in the 13-17 age group. These levels of access to CMHC services for young Medicaid enrollees are similar to those reported earlier for FY2002: 3% in the 0-6 age group, 11% in the 7-12 age group, and 13% in the 13-17 age group.¹

We look forward to you comments, questions, and requests for more information about patterns of access to community mental health programs at (802)863.7249 or pip@vdh.state.vt.us.

¹ Access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 14: 3, 431-441 September 2005 (Pandiani, Banks, Simon, Van Vleck, Pomeroy).

**Medicaid Eligible Children: Overall, and Children Served by CMHCs
July - December 2004 and July - December 2005**



Age Group	All Medicaid Eligibles		Served by CMHC Childrens Programs		Medicaid Eligibles Served by Childrens Programs	
	FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
	#	#	#	#	%	%
0-6	26,059	25,331	854	940	3.3%	3.7%
7-12	21,282	20,624	1,995	2,133	9.4%	10.3%
13-17	17,555	17,248	2,080	2,151	11.8%	12.5%

Analysis is based on Monthly Service Reports (MSR) submitted to DMH by community health centers and data extracted from the Vermont Medicaid database maintained by EDS. Age for children in FY04 was calculated as age on December 31, 2004 and age for children in FY05 was calculated as age on December 31, 2005.