



**Children's Health Initiative of Santa Barbara County
Interim Report on Enrollment and Utilization
March 2008**

Enrollment

- **More children are being enrolled in Medi-Cal/Healthy Families in Santa Barbara County.**
 - For every child enrolled in Healthy Kids, one child is enrolled in Healthy Families.
 - While Healthy Families enrollment was flat from 2005 to 2006, Healthy Families enrollment rose by 15% in 2007 from 8810 children to 10,156 children.
 - There has been a 15.3% increase in the number of children enrolled in Healthy Families in Santa Barbara County from July to December 2007.
 - For every ten children enrolled in Healthy Kids, one child is enrolled in Medi-Cal.
 - Medi-Cal enrollment has risen by approximately 3% from 2005 to 2007.

- **Children are being enrolled in Healthy Kids Santa Barbara:**
 - From December 2006 to December 2007, Healthy Kids enrollment doubled from 533 children to 1077 children; with a total enrollment of 1245 children as of March 1, 2008.
 - As a percentage of total enrollment, enrollment grew in North County from 35% to 44% and dropped in Mid-County from 32% to 27%.
 - As a percentage of total enrollment, younger enrollees (ages 0-11) grew from 62% to 68%. The percentage of older enrollees (12-18) dropped from 38% to 32%.

Healthy Kids Enrollment

<i>December 2006</i>	<i>December 2007</i>
Total enrollment: 533	Total enrollment: 1077
29% South County (157)	29% South County (309)
32% Mid-County (147)	27% Mid-County (291)
35% North County (206)	44% North County (477)
88% Hispanic	94% Hispanic
1% Caucasian	<1% Caucasian
11% Not provided	6% Not provided
19% 0-5 years (99)	22% 0-5 years (239)
43% 6-11 years (234)	46% 6-11 years (490)
38% 12-19 years (200)	32% 12-19 years (348)

Utilization

➤ **Healthy Kids Santa Barbara enrollees are appropriately using the coverage.**

The following is interim data on utilization on services in the Healthy Kids program. The standard nationally accepted methodology to analyze health plan utilization is known as HEDIS. It requires that only enrollees who have been enrolled for a full year, with no more than a 45 day break in coverage, be used in the calculations. Under this methodology, recent Healthy Kids enrollees would not be counted. In an attempt to provide an early view of medical utilization of all Healthy Kids enrollees, we are presenting data based upon the average number of members in the calendar year 2007. The HEDIS data should be available later this year.

Average enrollment: 641 children, with enrollment of 1077 children in December, 2007

Medical Care

Primary care provider visits: 84% of average number of members

Well-child visits: 51% of average number of members

ER visits: 12% of average number of members

Inpatient: 1% of average number of members

Prescriptions: 49% of average number of members (1.4 prescriptions per member)

Immunizations: 19% of average number of members

Visits by type of provider

Primary care visits:

32% private physicians

31% physician groups and non-profits

36% Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers

Well child visits:

35% private physicians

33% physician groups and non-profits

32% Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers

Choice of primary care provider (PCP) for December 2007

11% Non-profit

51% Private practice

38% FQHC

35% CHCCC

37% SBNC

16% Marian Community Clinic

9% PHD

3% American Indian and Santa Ynez

Dental

In 2006, 74% of children enrolled in Healthy Kids for a least a year had a visit with a dentist, the highest of any county's Children's Health Initiative in California.

69% of children received a preventive service, the highest of any Children's Health Initiative.
11% of children had oral surgery, below average for Children Health Initiatives.
37% of all enrollees ages 6+ years, and 48% of enrollees 6+ years with a dental visit, received dental sealants, the highest of any CHI.

Vision

Only 103 members used the vision services for the one year period ending January 2008..

Results from Family Surveys

The two Children's Health Initiative Health Advocates surveyed all Health Linkages' health insurance enrollment clients by telephone during December 2007 and January 2008 using a survey instrument designed for the OERU grant. Ninety surveys were completed.

DURATION OF RESIDENCE IN COUNTY

84% of their families had lived in the County 5 or more years
32% of their families had lived in the County 8 or more years
6% of their families had lived in the County 2 or fewer years

Of the 43% of children who were enrolled in Healthy Kids:

70% had lived in the County 5 or more years
25% had lived in the County 8 or more years
11% had lived in the County 2 or fewer years

ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE

81% of those surveyed had visited a doctor
Of the 72 children who visited a doctor:
43% went to a clinic
54% went to a private doctor
3% went to the ER

DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A DOCTOR

Nearly all parents (89.4%) whose child had visited a doctor reported no difficulty in getting a doctor's appointment or getting to the appointment. Three of the seven parents who reported difficulty were on restricted scope Medi-Cal. Of those children who did not visit a doctor, only one parent said it was because they did not have money.

ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE

49% had visited a dentist
Of the 44 children who visited dentist:
27% went to a clinic
73% went to a private dentist (Of the children who went to a private dentist,
53% went to Dr. Burg).

DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A DENTIST

None of the parents whose child had visited a dentist reported difficulty in getting a dentist's appointment or getting to the appointment. Of those children who did not visit a dentist, 6 parents said it was because they did not have money.

HEALTH OF CHILDREN

Parents were asked to rate their children's health. Over half of the parents (52.9%) felt that their child's health was excellent or very good. Nearly four in 10 (38.8%) felt that their child's health was good and 8.2% responded that their children's health was fair.

Families with Healthy Kids or Healthy Families rated their child's health much higher than those without. Two-thirds (66.7%) of parents whose child had Healthy Kids or Healthy Families felt that their child's health was excellent or very good; no parents of child on Medi-Cal (n=4) believed their child's health was excellent or very good.

PARENT SECURITY

Parents were also asked about how confident they were that their children could get health care if she or he needed it. Most parents (84.0%) felt very confident that their children could get health care (87.2% of Healthy Families, 91.2% of Healthy Kids, and 100% of Medi-Cal). For children with restricted scope Medi-Cal, no parents felt "very" confident about being able to get health care, 40% felt "somewhat" confident and 60% did not know whether their children could get health care. [All of the children on restricted scope Medi-Cal were applying for Healthy Kids.]

Funding and administration

- **Funds are being leveraged; administrative costs are minimized:**
 - Healthy Kids premiums support (\$1,499,000 total):
 - Santa Barbara County General Fund: \$850,000 or 56.7%
 - Other funding: \$649,000 or 42.3%
 - Healthy Kids administrative and program support (\$264,925 total):
 - Santa Barbara County General Fund: \$150,000 or 56.6%
 - Other funding: \$114,925 or 43.4%

- **Outreach and Enrollment Partnerships continue to be forged:**
 - From September to December 2007, the SBCEO Health Linkages program reached over 1500 persons, and 242 uninsured children at 16 public outreach events, 69 in-office visits with families and 26 provider office visits. Of the 266 children referred to application assistors, 59% were for Medi-Cal, 18% were for Healthy Families and 23% were for Healthy Kids.
 - **Children's Health Access Resource Teams (CHART)** established in North, Mid- and South County meet quarterly to improve health access for children with representatives from Public Health, Marian Community Clinics, Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, school districts, Marian Hospital, Community Action Commission, Family Resource Centers and others.