New Models for Medicaid: A View from the Think-Tank Perspective

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Medicaid Today

Health Insurance Coverage

25 million children and 14 million adults in low-income families; 6 million persons with disabilities

Assistance to Medicare Beneficiaries

7 million aged and disabled
— 18% of Medicare
beneficiaries

Long-Term Care Assistance

1 million nursing home residents; 43% of long-term care services

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Support for Health Care System and Safety-net

17% of national health spending

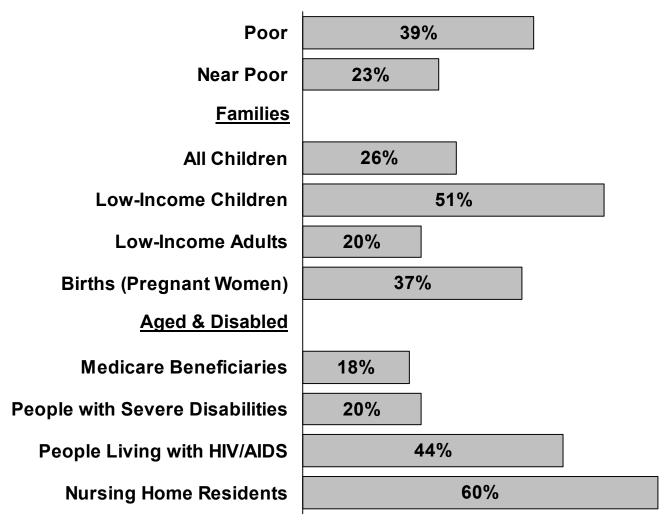
State Capacity for Health Coverage

43.5% of federal funds to states

Figure 2

Medicaid Serves a Diverse Population

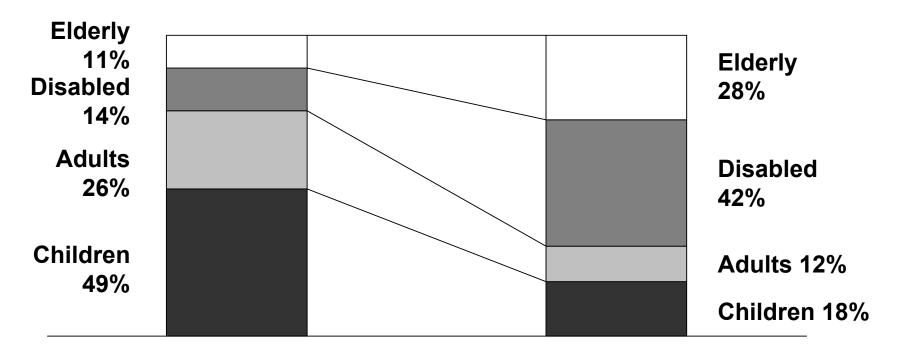
Percent with Medicaid Coverage:



Note: "Poor" is defined as living below the federal poverty level, which was \$19,307 for a family of four in 2004. SOURCE: KCMU, KFF, and Urban Institute estimates; Birth data: NGA, MCH Update.

Figure 3

Medicaid Enrollees and Expenditures by Enrollment Group, 2003



Enrollees

Expenditures on benefits

Total = 55 million

Total = \$234 billion

Figure 4

Medicaid Payments Per Enrollee by Acute and Long-Term Care, 2003

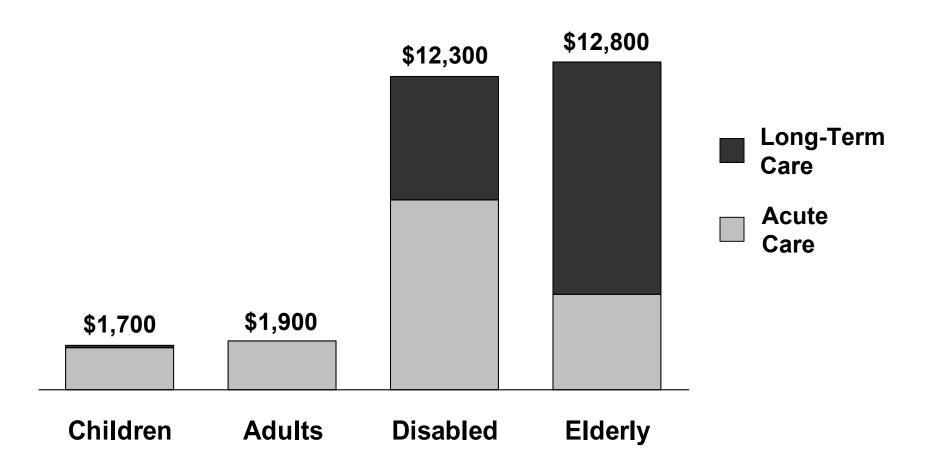
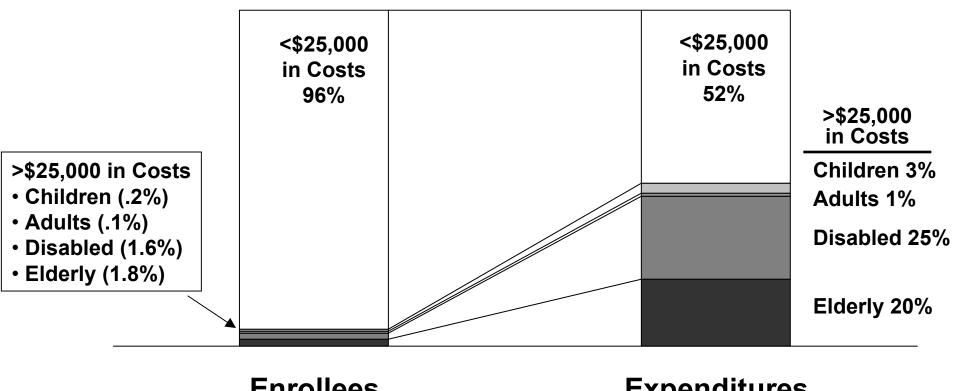


Figure 5

4 Percent of Medicaid Population Accounted for 48% of Expenditures in 2001



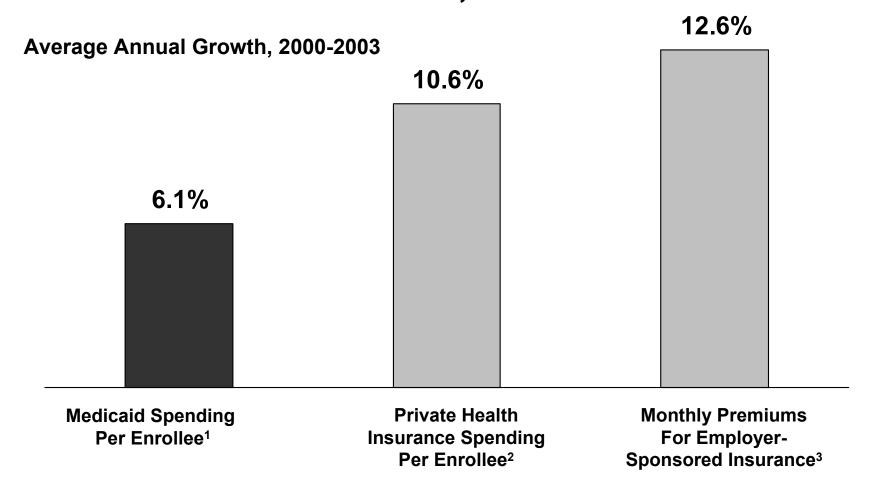
Enrollees
Total = 46.9 million

Expenditures
Total = \$180.0 billion

SOURCE: Urban Institute estimates based on MSIS 2001 data.

Figure 6

Medicaid Acute Care Spending Per Person Grew More Slowly than Spending Under Private Insurance, 2000 - 2003



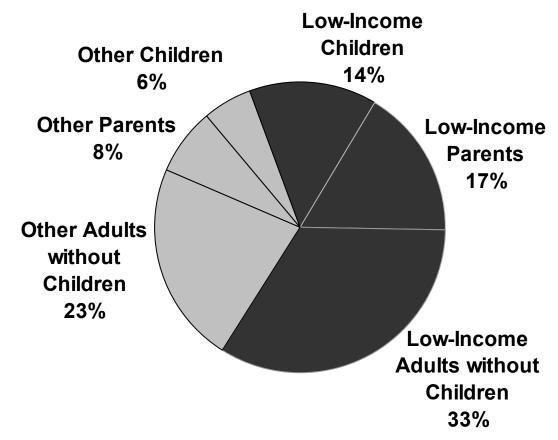
¹ Holahan and Ghosh, *Health Affairs*, 2005.

² CMS Office of the Actuary, National Health Accounts, 2005.

³ Kaiser/HRET Survey, 2003.

Figure 7

Non-Elderly Uninsured, by Age and Income Groups, 2004



Total = 45.5 Million Uninsured

NOTES: Low-income is <200% of the federal poverty level (\$30,134 for family of three in 2004). Parents of dependent children under age 19. Adults without children also include parents whose children are no longer dependent.

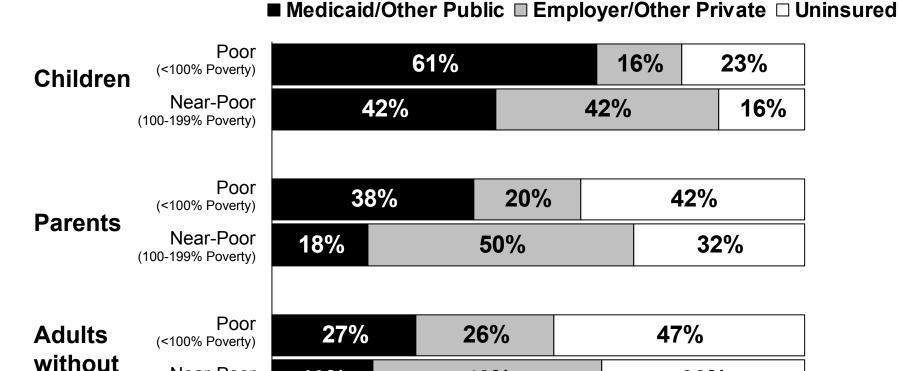
SOURCE: Health Insurance Coverage in America, 2004 Data Update, KCMU.

Figure 8

Medicaid's Role for Children and Adults, 2004

43%

38%



Notes: Medicaid also includes SCHIP and other state programs, Medicare and military-related coverage. The federal poverty level was \$19,307 for a family of four in 2004.

Near-Poor

(100-199% Poverty)

children

SOURCE: KCMU and Urban Institute analysis of March 2005 Current Population Survey.

19%

Figure 9

Dual Enrollees are Poorer and Sicker Than Other Medicare Beneficiaries

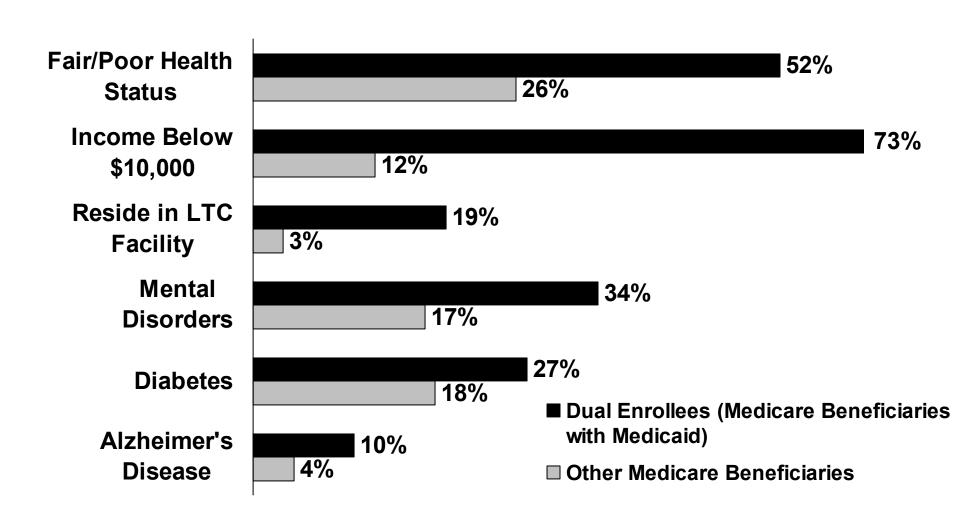
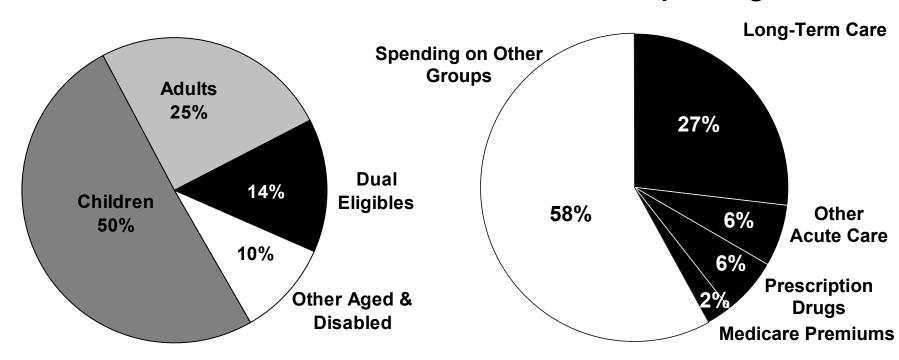


Figure 10

Medicaid Dual Eligibles: Enrollment and Spending

Medicaid Enrollment

Medicaid Spending

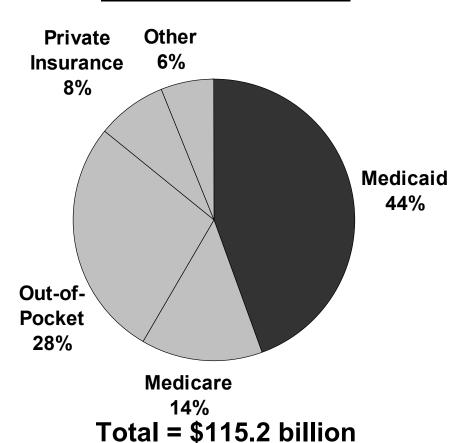


Total = 51 Million

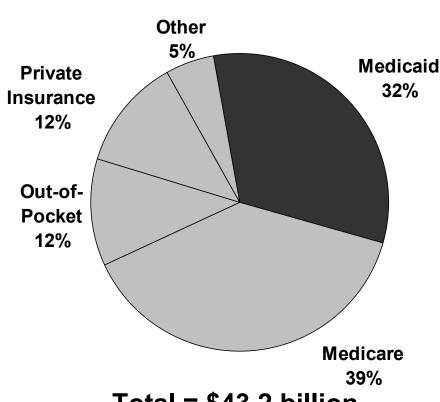
Spending on Benefits = \$232.8 Billion (42% on Duals)

National Spending on Nursing Home and Home Health Care, 2004

Nursing Home Care



Home Health Care



Total = \$43.2 billion

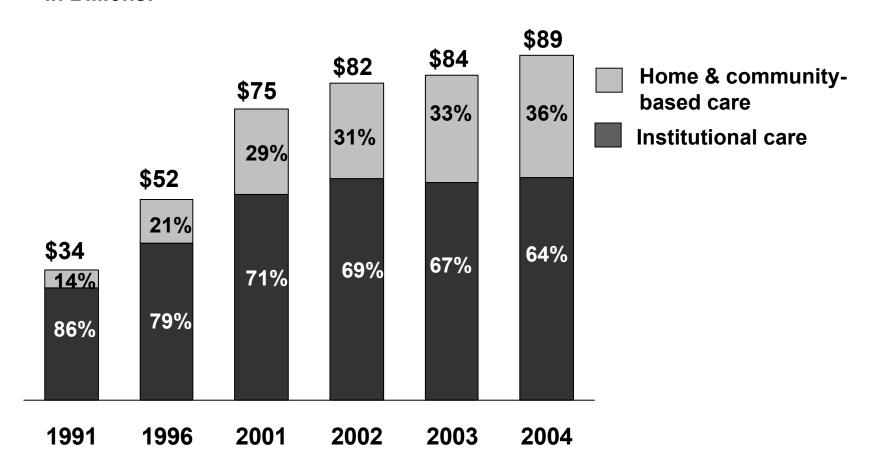
Note: Medicaid percentage includes spending through SCHIP

SOURCE: CMS, National Health Accounts, 2006.

Figure 12

Growth in Medicaid Long-Term Care Expenditures, 1991-2004

In Billions:



Note: Home and community-based care includes home health, personal care services and home and community-based service waivers.

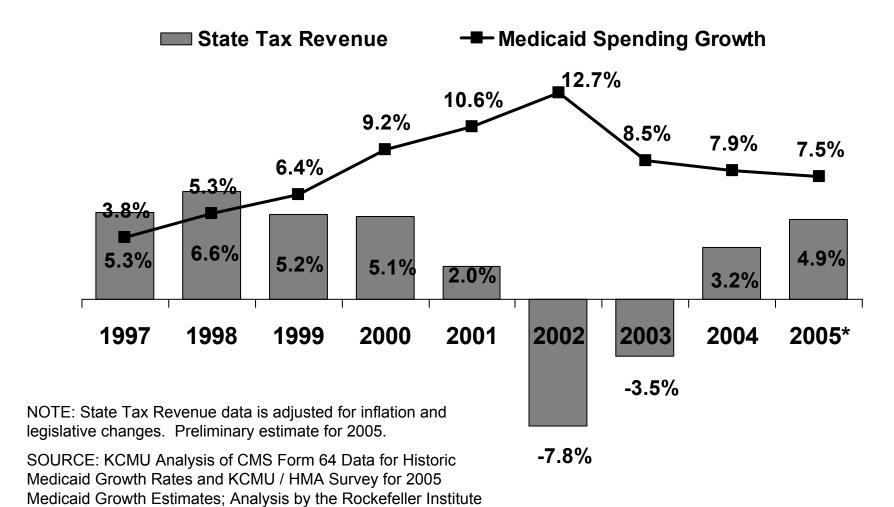
SOURCE: Burwell et al. 2005, CMS-64 data.

Why is Medicaid at the Center of State and Federal Budget Debates?

- Pressures in health care system
 - Rising health care costs
 - Rising numbers of uninsured
 - Aging population
- State fiscal pressures
 - Slow revenue growth in recovery
 - Medicaid spending increases outpacing revenue growth
 - Intense focus on Medicaid cost containment for several years
 - Response: Cost containment and Waivers
- Federal fiscal pressures
 - Growing federal deficit
 - Pressure to cut deficit and extend tax cuts
 - Interest in reducing federal spending on Medicaid
 - Response: DRA, President's FY 2007 proposals, Secretary's Medicaid Commission

Figure 14

Underlying Growth in State Tax Revenue Compared with Average Medicaid Spending Growth, 1997-2005

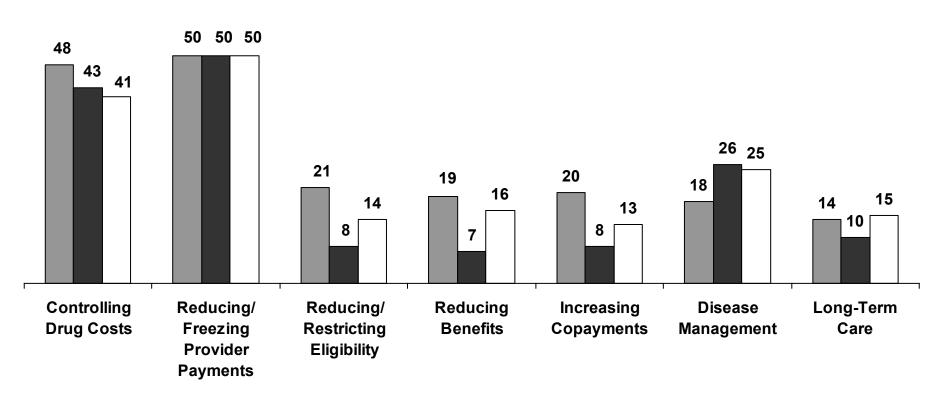


of Government for State Tax Revenue.

Figure 15

States Undertaking New Medicaid Cost Containment Strategies FY 2004 – FY 2006





NOTE: Past survey results indicate not all adopted actions are implemented.

SOURCE: KCMU survey of Medicaid officials in 50 states and DC conducted by Health Management Associates, September and December 2003, October 2004 and October 2005.

Medicaid Provisions in DRA

Savings Provisions in Deficit Reduction Act (\$11.5B)

- Premiums and cost sharing (\$1.9B)
- Benefit flexibility (\$1.3B)
- Prescription drug payment reform pricing and rebates (\$3.9B)
- Reforms to asset transfer laws (\$2.4B)
- Other changes (\$2B)

Spending Provisions in Deficit Reduction Act (\$6.8B)

- Katrina-related assistance to affected states (\$2.1B)
- Home and community-based services (\$1.1B)
- Family Opportunity Act (\$1.5B)
- Health Opportunity Accounts (\$64M)
- Cash and counseling (\$100M)
- TMA and abstinence education (\$760M)
- Medicaid integrity (\$529M)
- Other (\$536M)

Emerging Trends in Medicaid

- Emphasis on personal behavior and responsibility
 - "Consumer choice" of plans
 - Increased premiums and/or cost sharing
 - Behavior modification through incentives
 - Increased beneficiary autonomy over long-term care services
- "Tailored" benefits
 - Variation in benefit packages across groups or geographic areas
- Increased role of private marketplace
 - Increased control to plans to determine benefit packages
 - Emphasis on premium assistance
 - Public/private long-term care partnerships
- Restricting spending/increasing spending predictability
 - Defined contribution approaches
 - Aggregate cap on federal funding
 - Increased ability to limit/reduce coverage
 - Tightening eligibility for long-term care

Future Directions and Challenges

- National coverage for low-income population
- Adequate coverage for high cost chronically ill or disabled individuals
- Countercyclical federal financing during economic downturns
- Increased Medicare responsibility for 6 million dual eligibles
- Broader-based financing for long-term care