

The Faces of Medicaid

National Medicaid Congress
Pre-Conference: Medicaid Basics and Overview

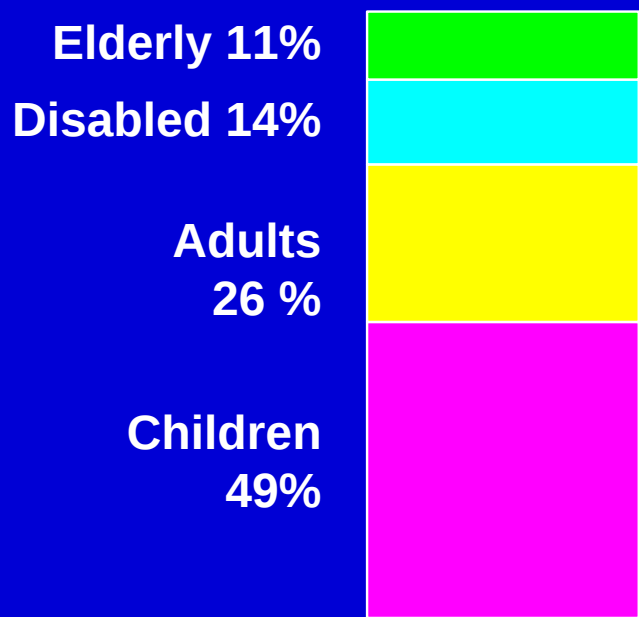
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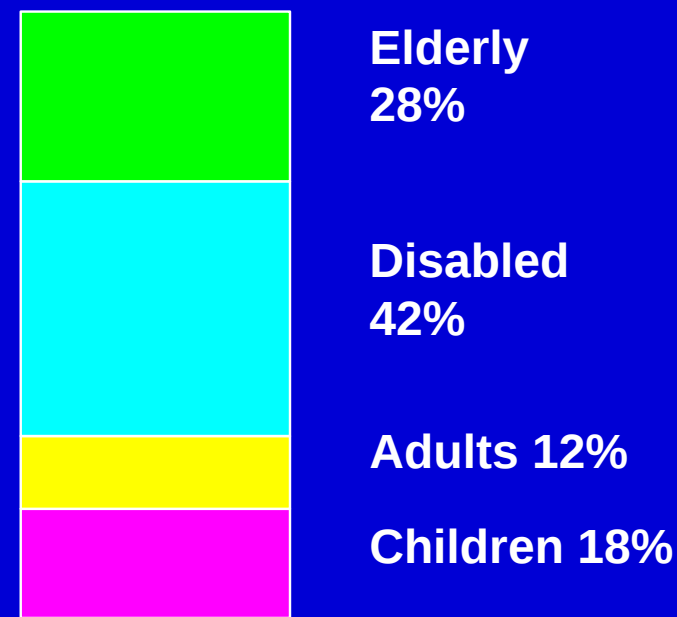
Figure 2

Medicaid Enrollees and Expenditures by Enrollment Group, 2003



Enrollees

Total = 55 million

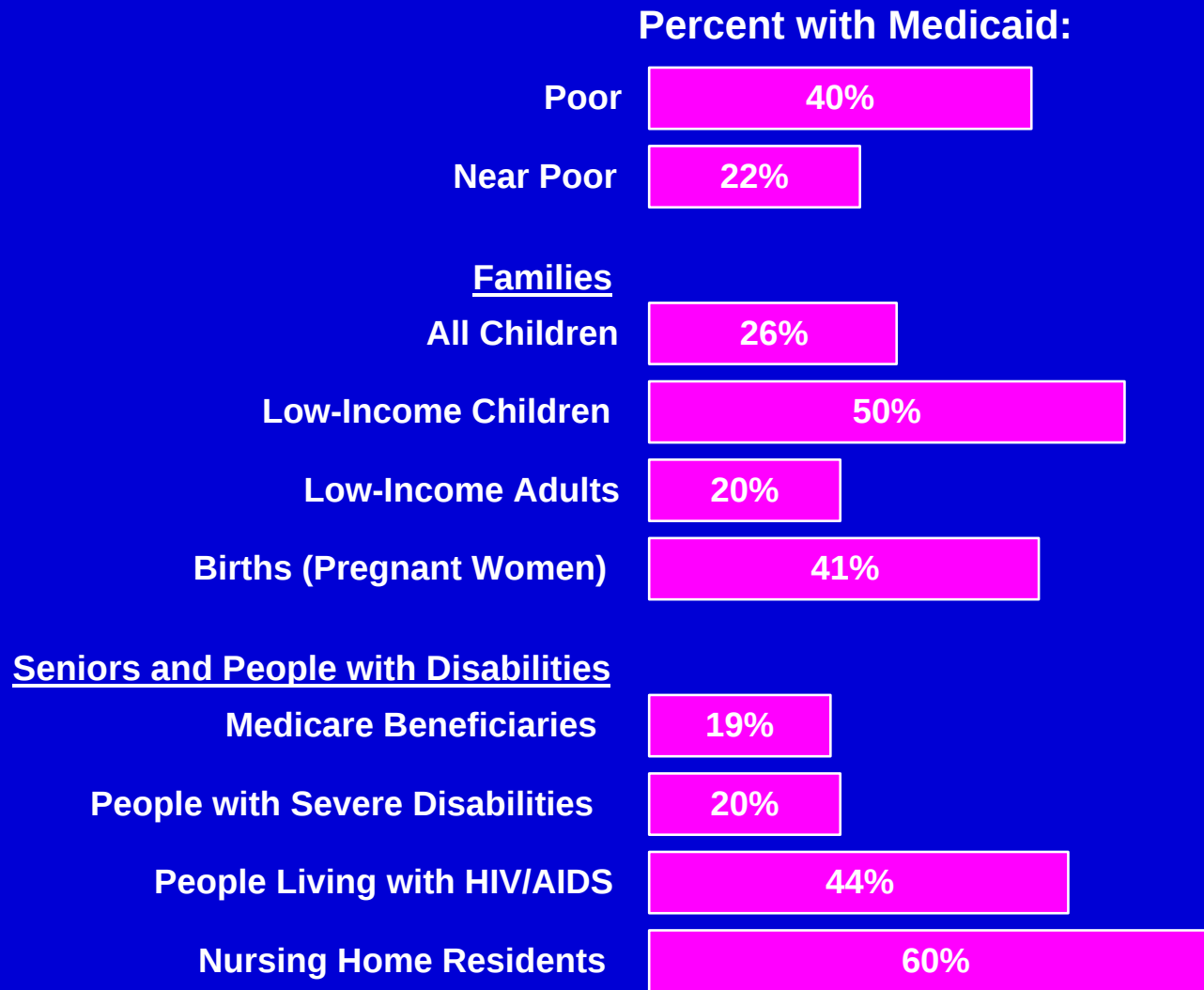


Expenditures on benefits

Total = \$234 billion

Figure 3

Medicaid Serves a Diverse Population



Note: "Poor" defined as <100% of federal poverty level, which was \$19,971 for a family of four in 2005.

Source: Estimates by Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and Urban Institute; birth data from *MCH Update*, National Governors Association.

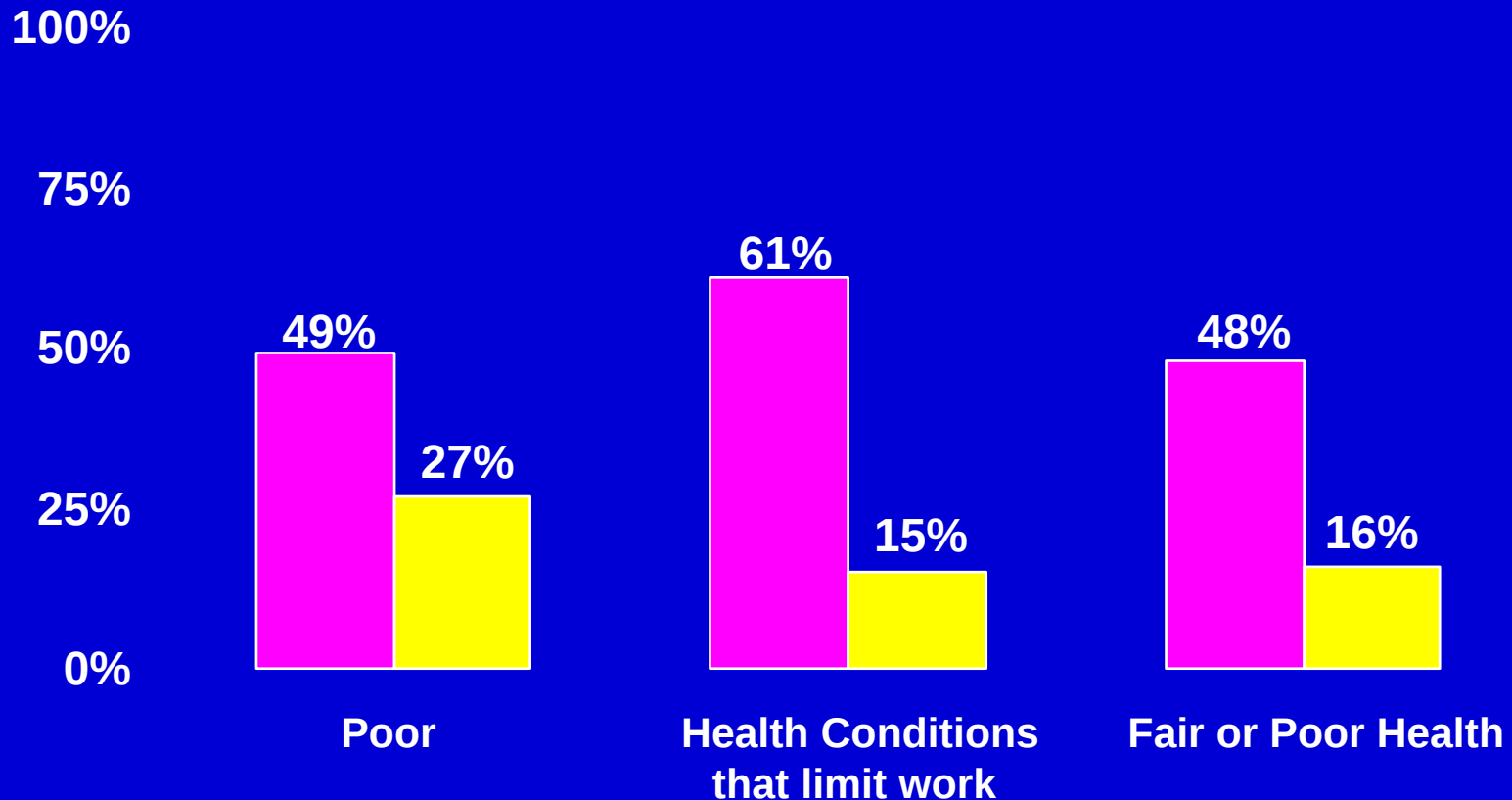


Figure 4

Medicaid Enrollees are Poorer and Sicker Than The Low-Income Privately Insured Population

Percent of Enrolled Adults:

Medicaid Low-Income and Privately Insured

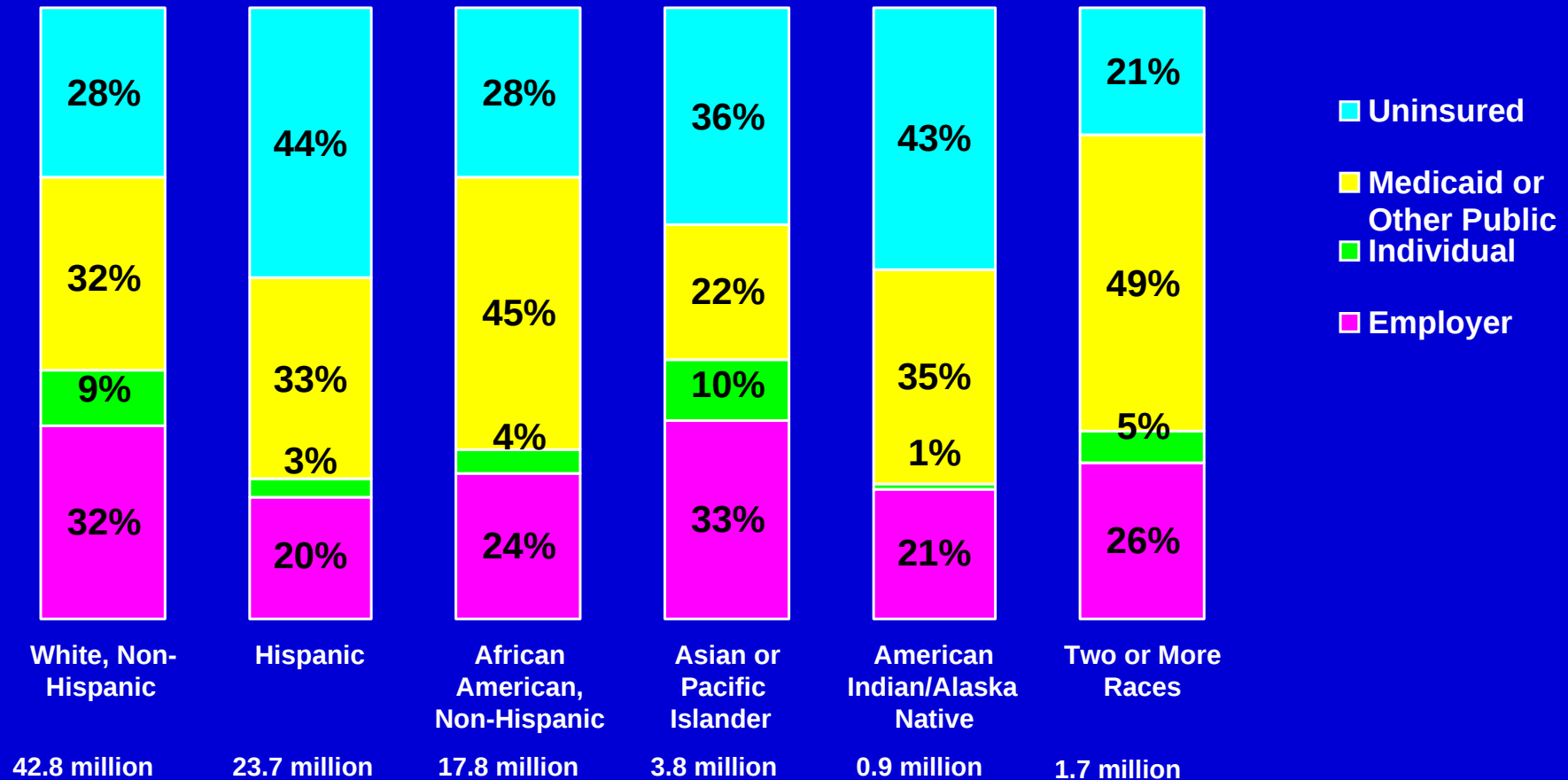


SOURCE: Coughlin et. al, "Assessing Access to Care Under Medicaid: Evidence From the Nation and Thirteen States," *Health Affairs* July/August 2005, 24(4): 1073-1083 .



Figure 5

Health Insurance Coverage of the Low-Income Nonelderly Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2005



Notes: Low-income is defined as family income less than 200% of the federal poverty level, or \$39,942 for a family of four in 2005. Nonelderly includes individuals up to age 65. "Other Public" includes Medicare and military-related coverage. Data source is the March 2005 Current Population Survey.

Source: Urban Institute and Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates.



Medicaid Covers a Broad Range of People with Extensive Needs

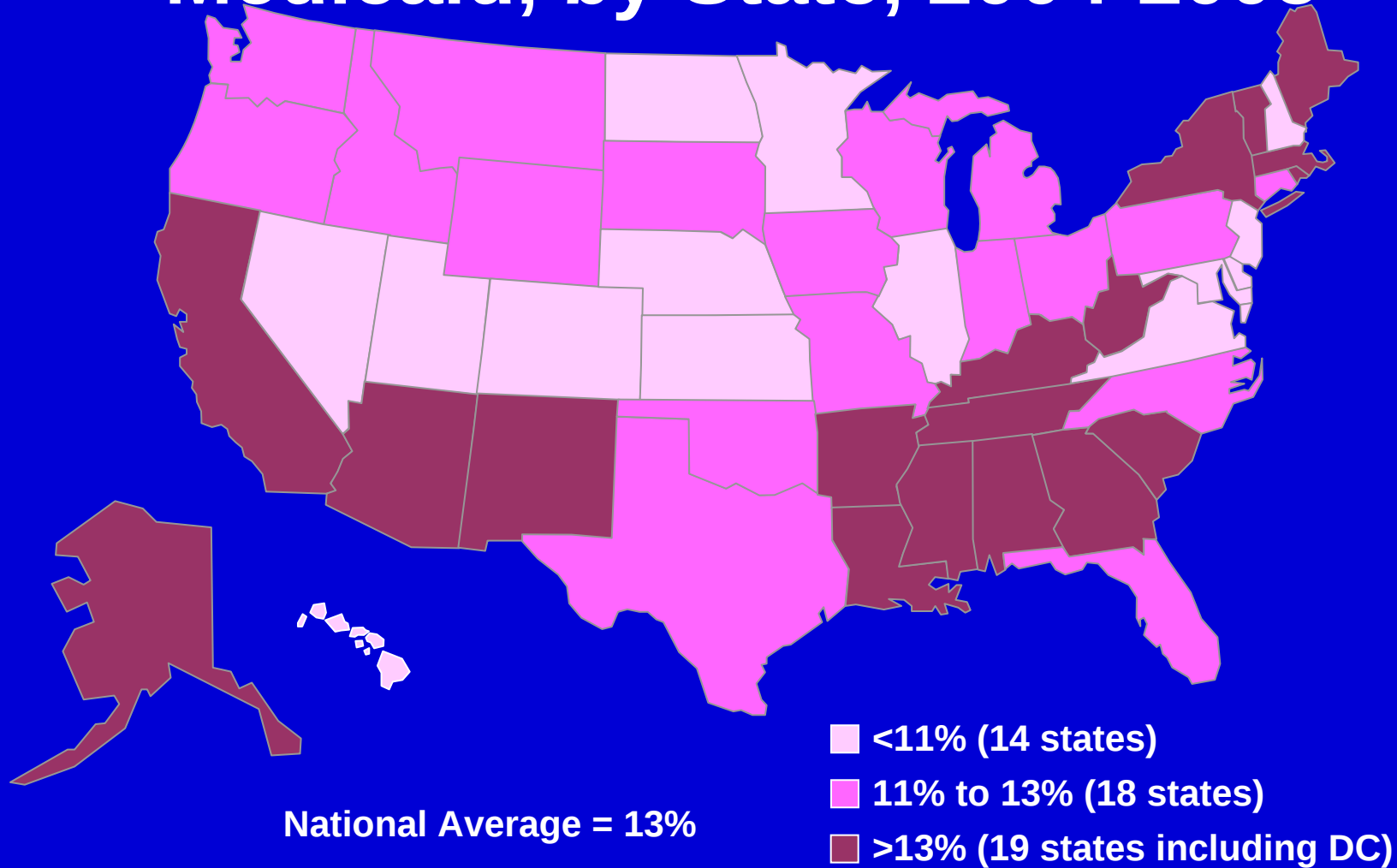
Medicaid serves low-income children and families, seniors and people with disabilities. Among these categories, it is tasked with meeting a very broad array of health and long-term services needs

- People with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- People with HIV/AIDS
- People with physical disabilities
- People with mental illness
- People with neurological conditions
- People with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions



Figure 7

Percent of Total Residents Covered by Medicaid, by State, 2004-2005



National Average = 13%

■ <11% (14 states)

■ 11% to 13% (18 states)

■ >13% (19 states including DC)

Note: Includes the population over 65 years of age. Medicaid includes S-CHIP, other military-related coverage and dual-eligibles, but does not include people only on Medicare.
SOURCE: KCMU and Urban Institute analysis of two-year pooled data from March 2005 and 2006 Current Population Survey, 2006.



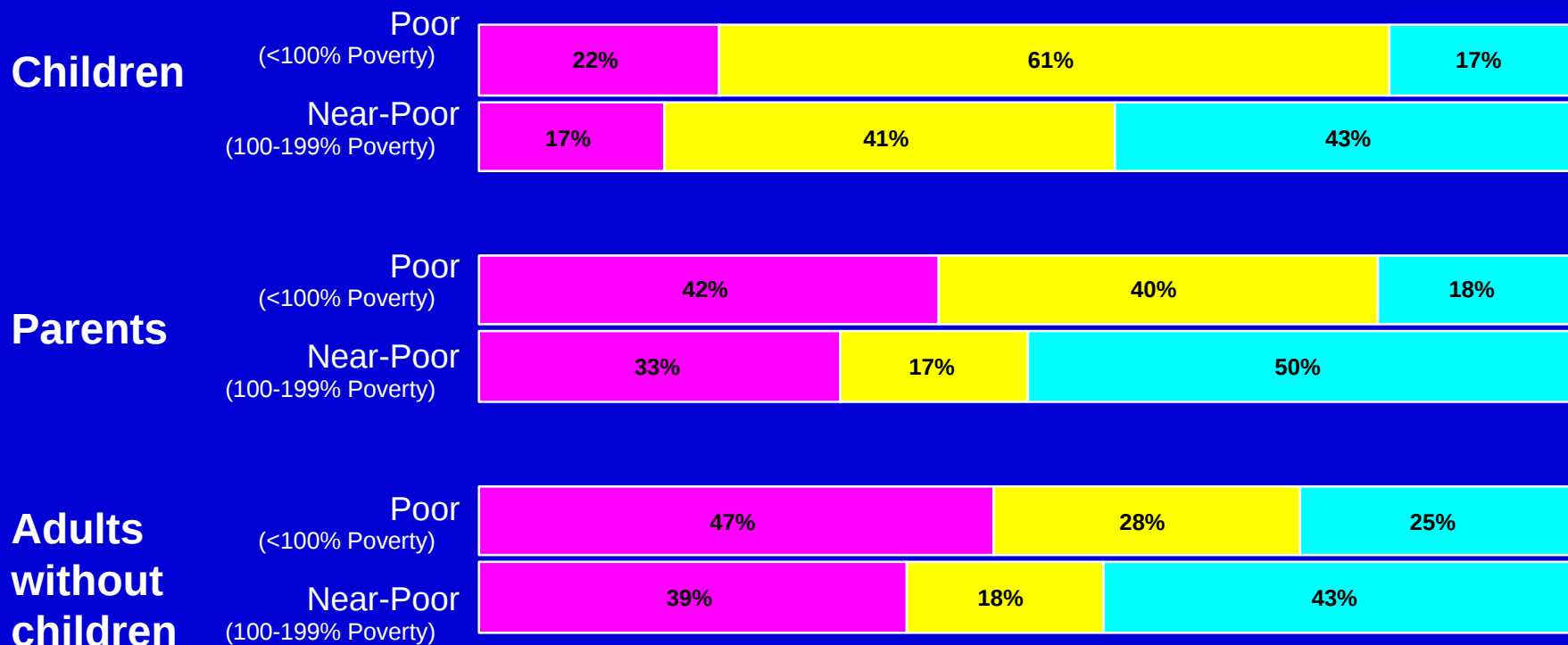
Medicaid is a Major Source of Health Coverage for Low-Income Children and Families



Figure 9

Health Insurance Coverage of Low-Income Adults and Children, 2005

■ Uninsured ■ Medicaid/Other Public ■ Employer/Other Private



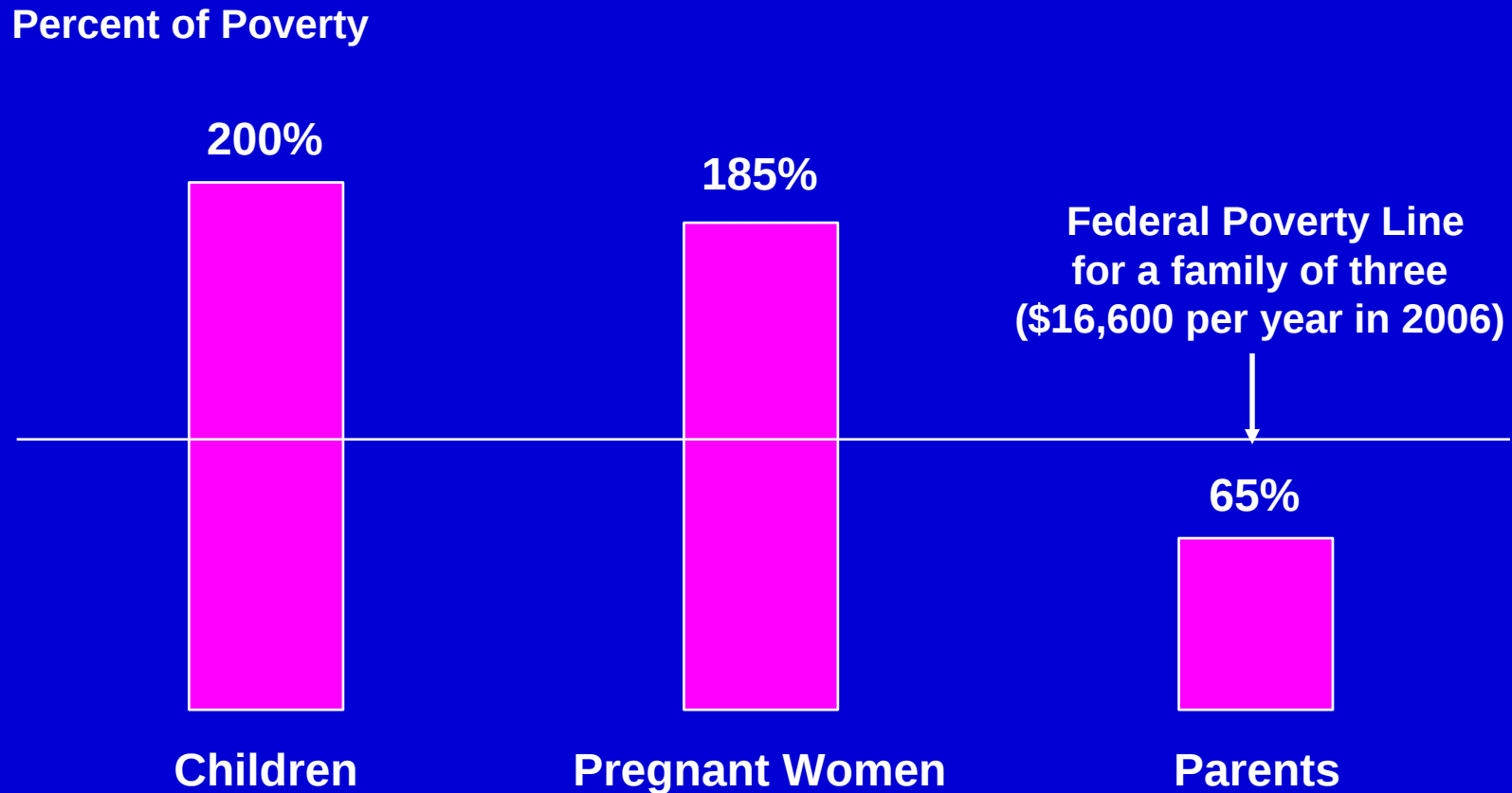
Notes: Medicaid also includes SCHIP and other state programs, Medicare and military-related coverage. The federal poverty level was \$19,971 for a family of four in 2005. Data may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and Urban Institute analysis of March 2006 Current Population Survey.



Figure 10

Median Medicaid/SCHIP Income Eligibility Threshold for Children, Pregnant Women, and Working Parents, July 2006



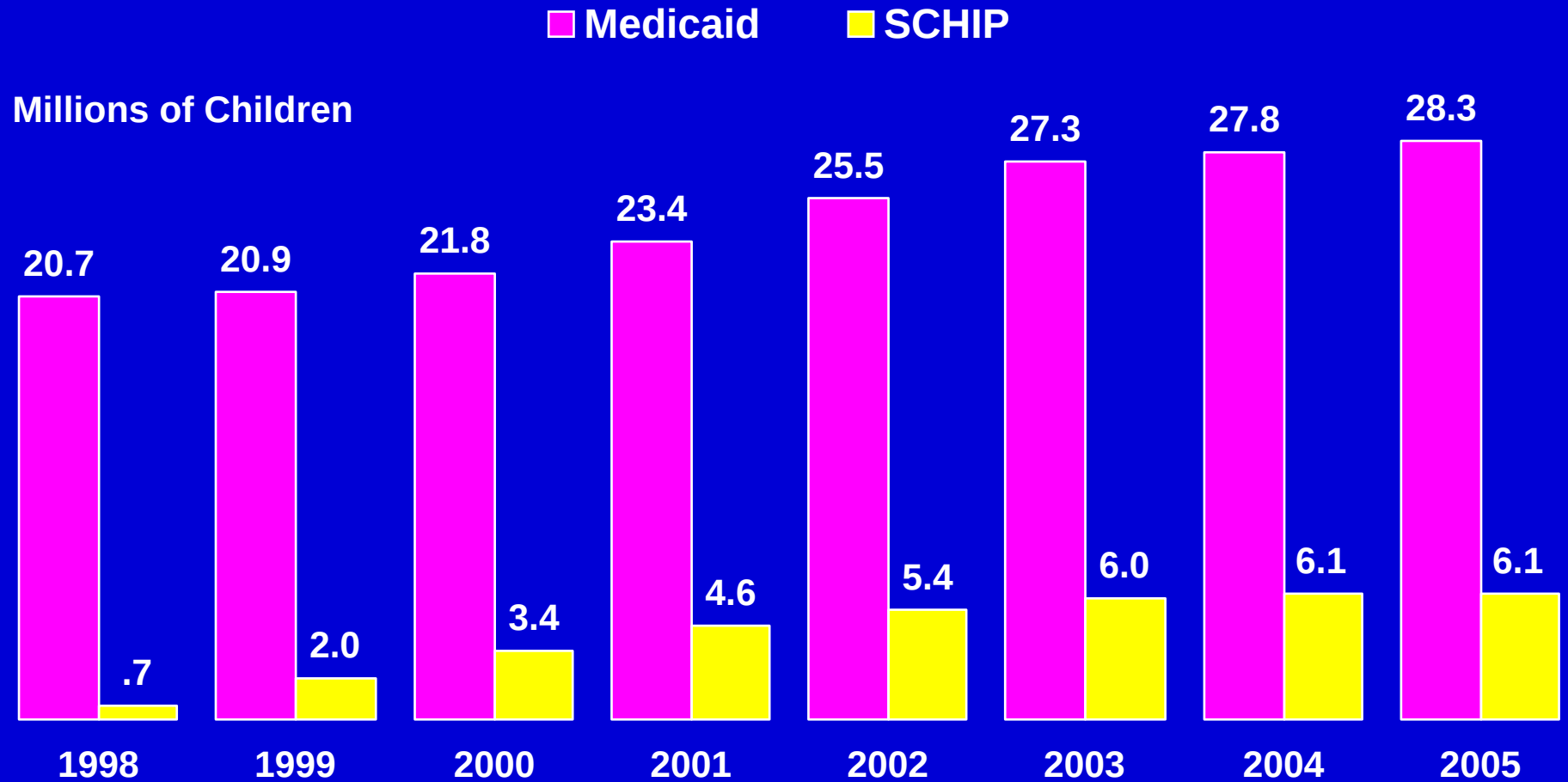
Note: Eligibility levels for parents based on the income threshold applied to a working parent in a family of three.

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, based on a national survey conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for KCMU, 2006.



Figure 11

Medicaid and SCHIP Enrollment of Children, FY 1998 – FY 2005

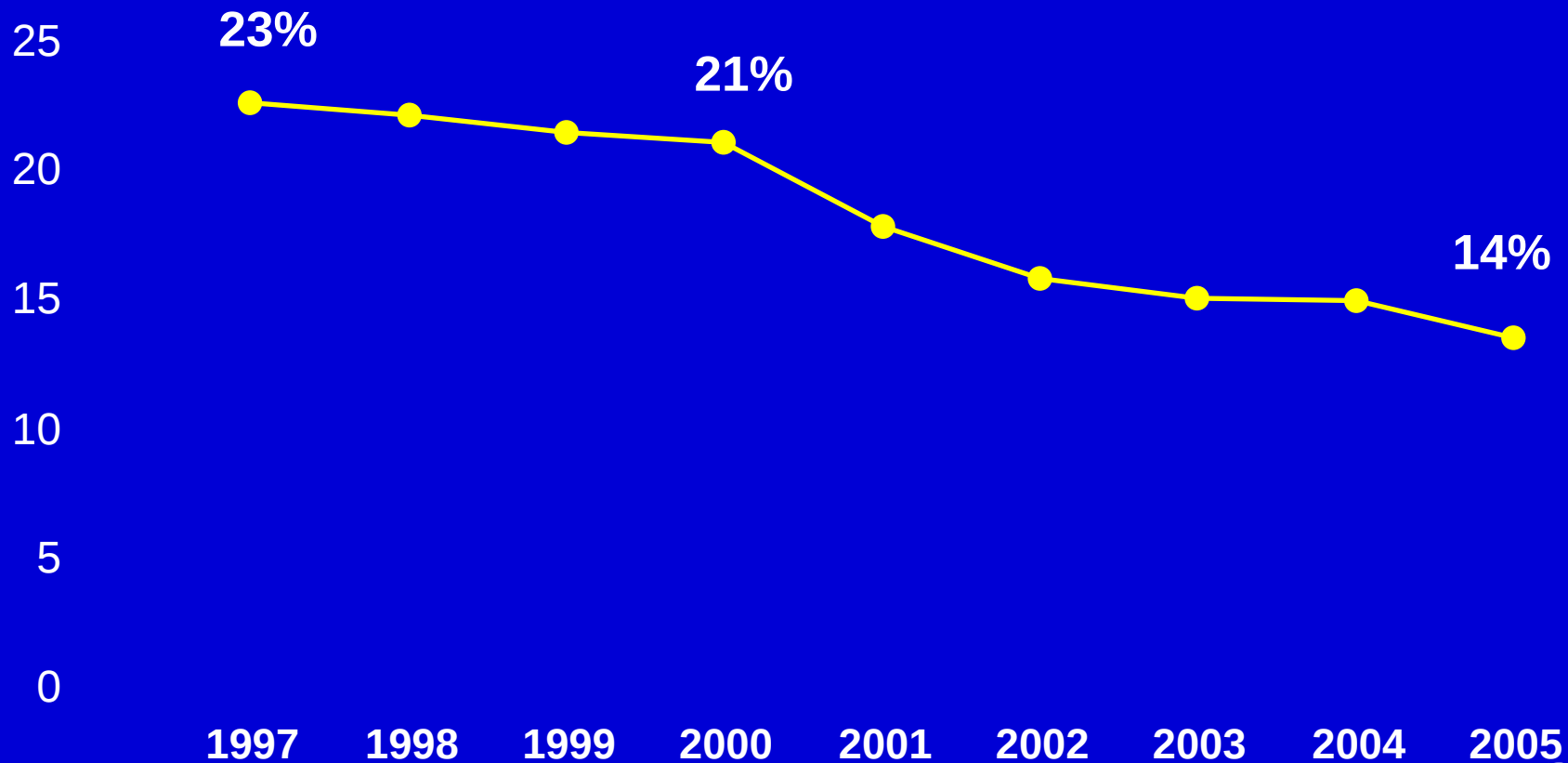


SOURCE: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and Urban Institute analysis of HCFA-2082, MSIS, and SEDS data, 2007.



Figure 12

And, the Percentage of Low-Income Children Without Health Insurance Has Declined

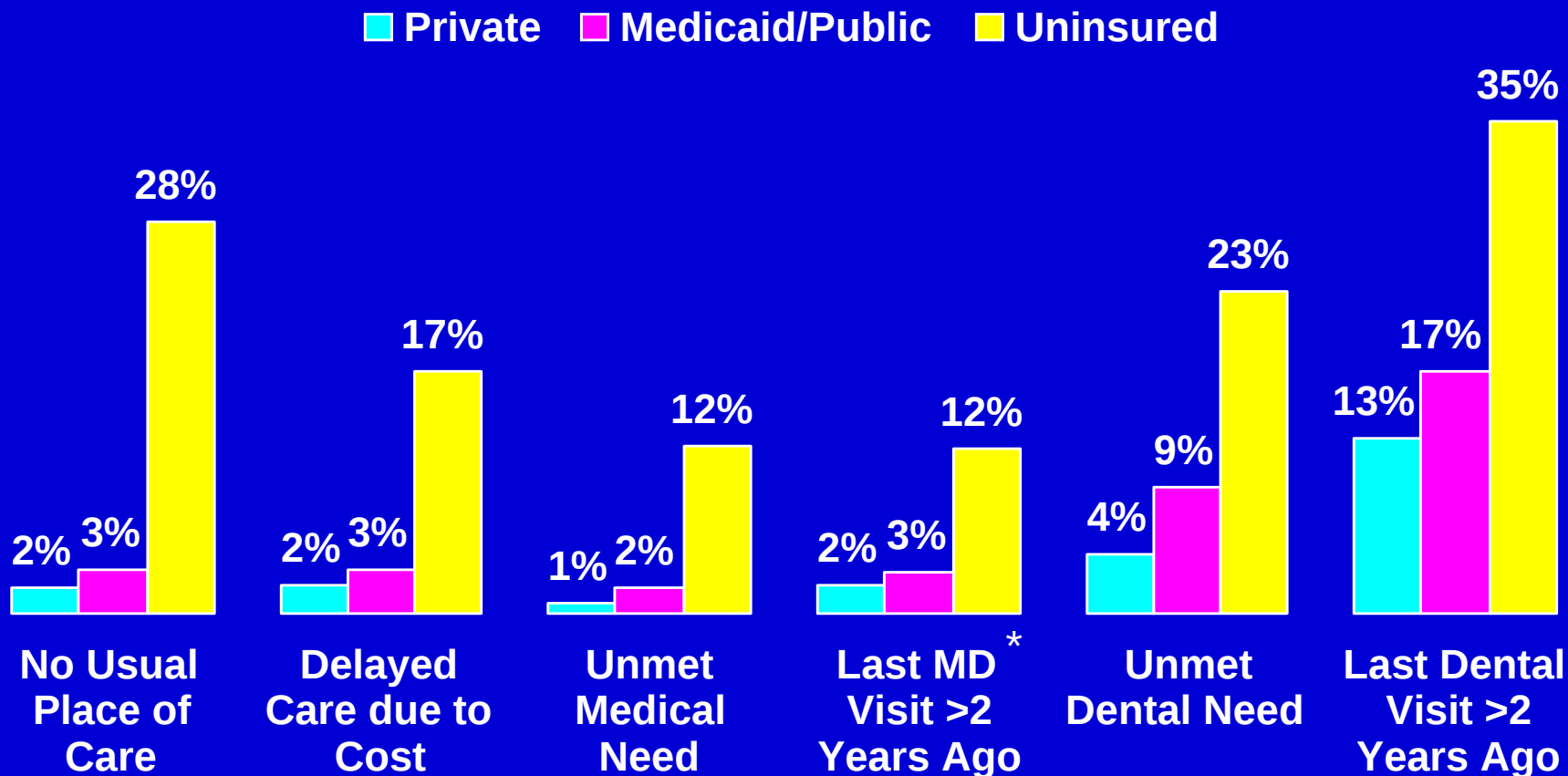


Note: Low-income is defined as children in families with income below 200% of poverty.
Source: L. Ku, "Medicaid: Improving Health, Saving Lives," Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of National Health Interview Survey data, August 2005.



Figure 13

Health Coverage Promotes Improved Access to Care for Children



* MD or any health care professional, including time spent in a hospital. All estimates are age-adjusted.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. 2006. Summary of Health Statistics for U.S. Children: National Health Interview Survey, 2005.



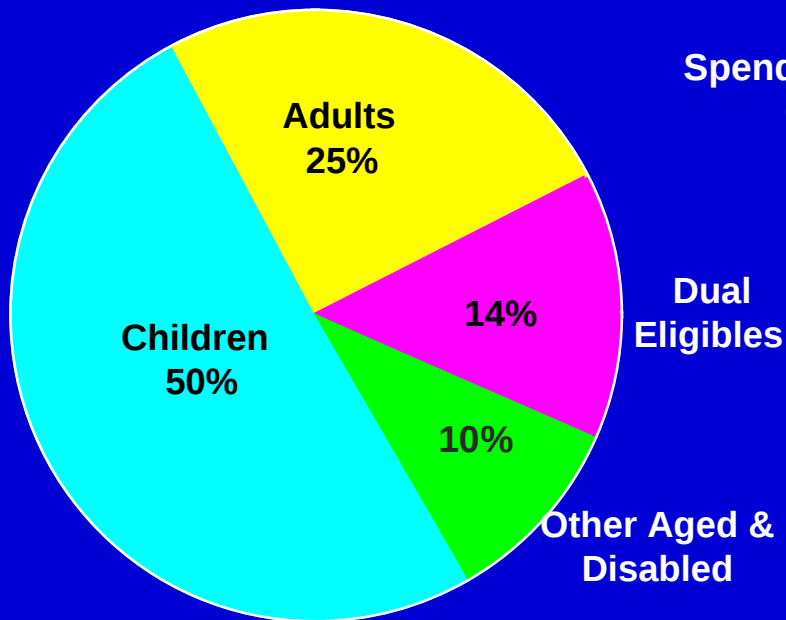
**Medicaid Bears a Significant
Responsibility for Supplementing
Medicare for Low-Income Beneficiaries
(Dual Eligibles)**



Figure 15

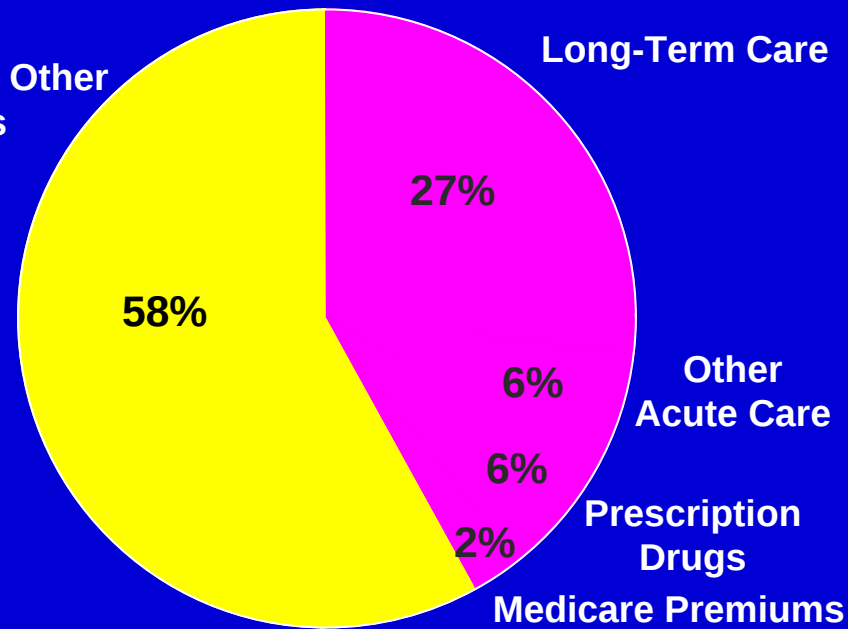
A Large Share of Medicaid Spending is for Dual Eligibles (2003)

Medicaid Enrollment



Total = 51 Million

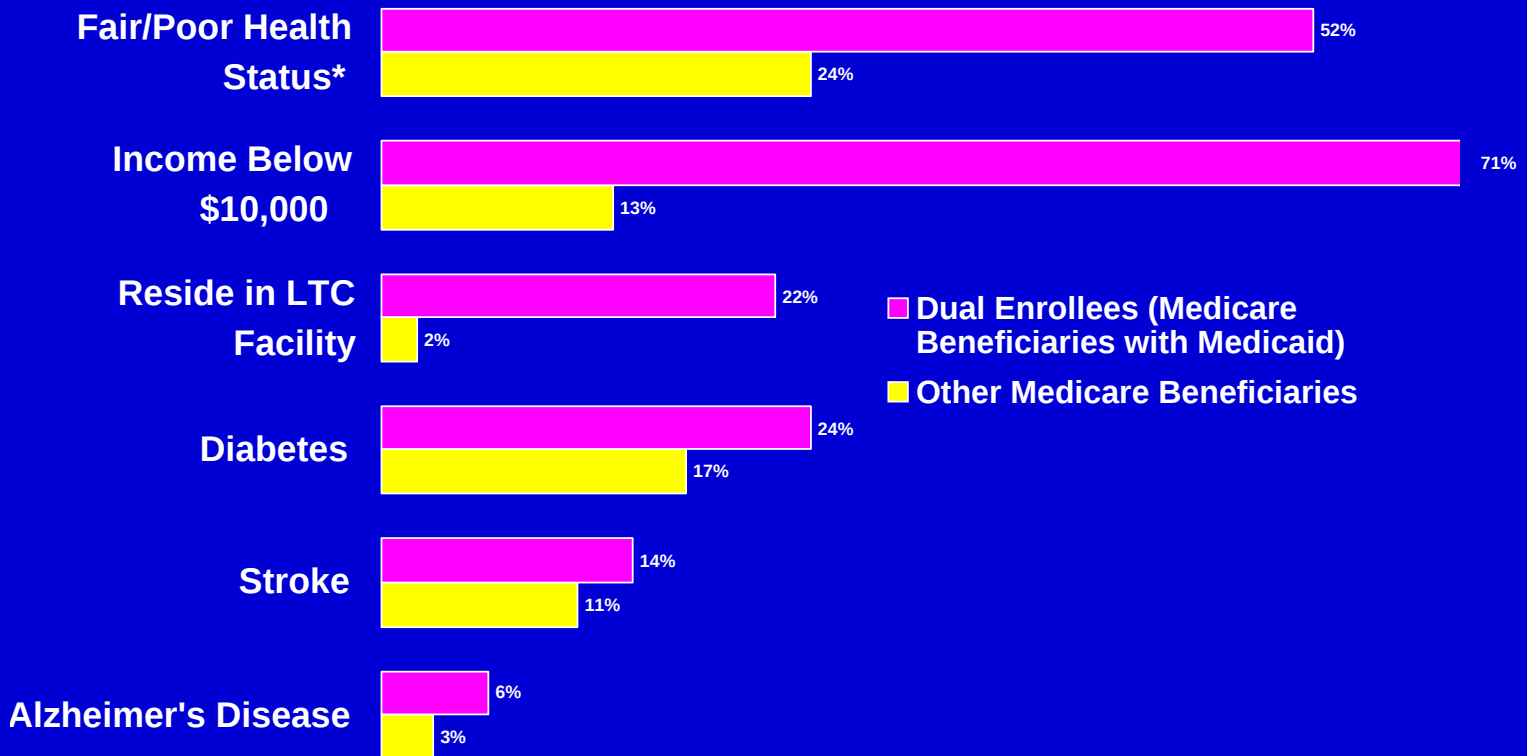
Medicaid Spending



Total = \$232.8 Billion
(42% on Duals)

Figure 16

Dual Eligibles are More Likely to Need Services Not Covered by Medicare



Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimates based on analysis of MCBS Cost & Use 2000.

*Includes only persons residing in the community.

The failure to adopt broader policies to finance and deliver long-term services has meant that Medicaid has taken on a larger role than originally intended



Medicaid Integrates Acute Care and Long-Term Services

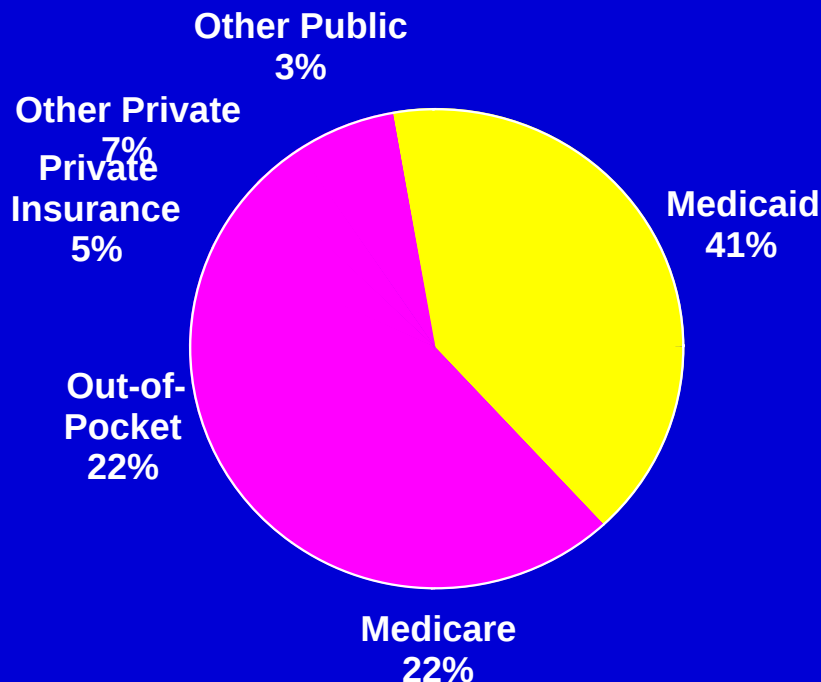
- **Acute care:** Medical care services such as physician and hospital care, prescription drugs, and laboratory and diagnostic testing
- **Long-term services:** Services and supports people need when their ability to care for themselves has been reduced by a chronic illness or disability (such as dressing, bathing, preparing meals, taking medication, managing a home, and managing money)
 - Medicaid pays for 41% of national long-term services spending (compared to 22% for Medicare and 9% for private insurance)



Figure 19

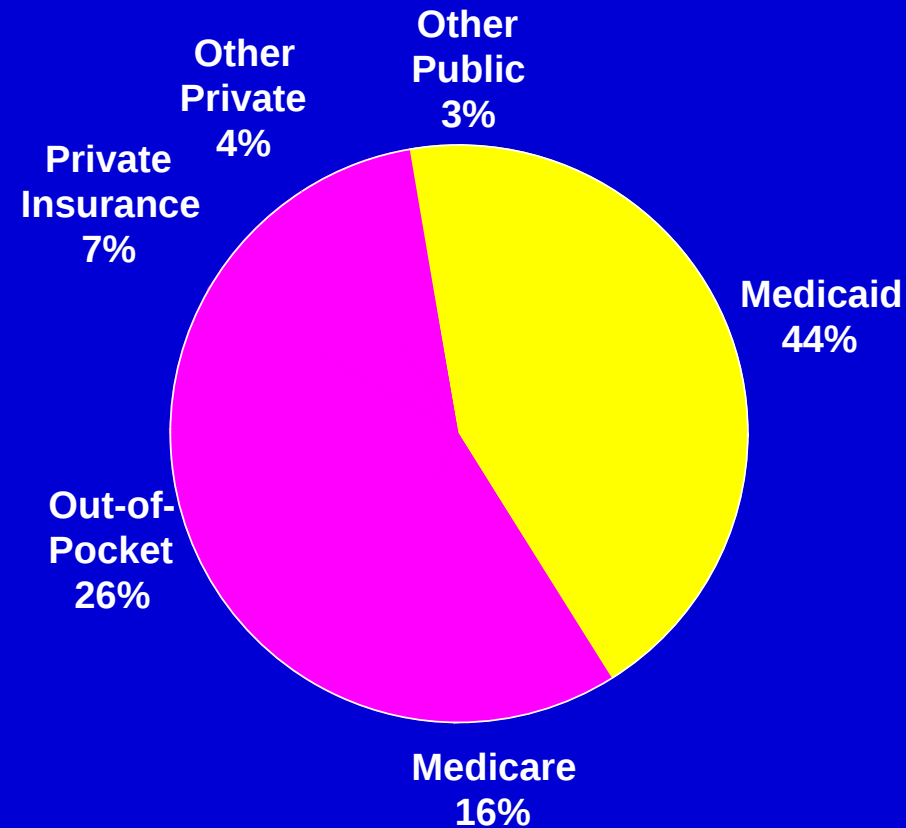
Medicaid is the Primary Payer for Long-Term Care

Total Long-Term Care Expenditures



Total = \$169.3 billion

Nursing Home Care Expenditures



Total = \$121.9 billion



Figure 20

Growth in Medicaid Long-Term Services Expenditures, 1991-2005



Source: Burwell et al. 2006, CMS-64 data.

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



States Vary in Share of Long-Term Services Spending in the Community



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**More focus is needed on the very small
portion of the Medicaid population
responsible for the majority of costs**



Figure 23

Small Share of Population Accounts for Large Share of Expenditures

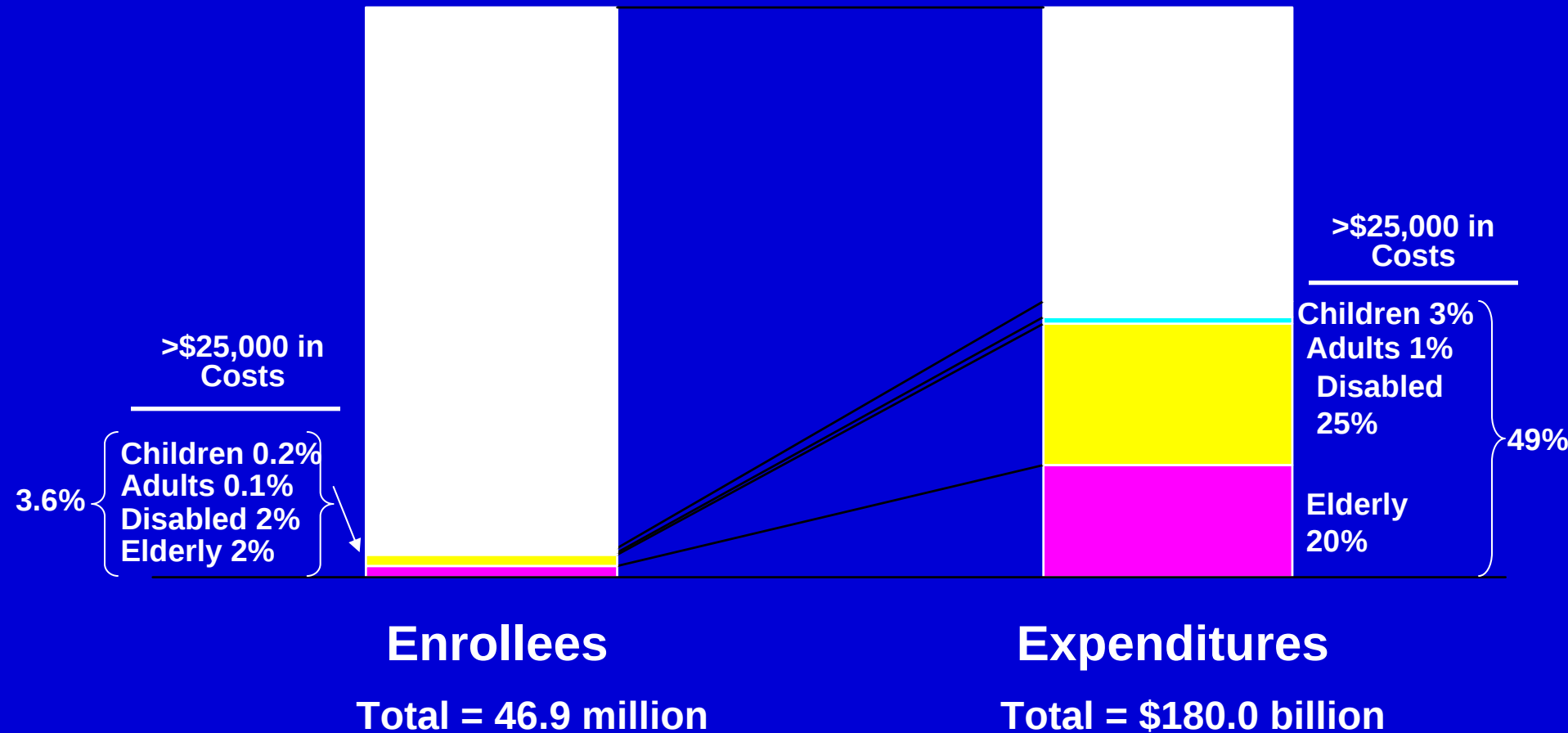
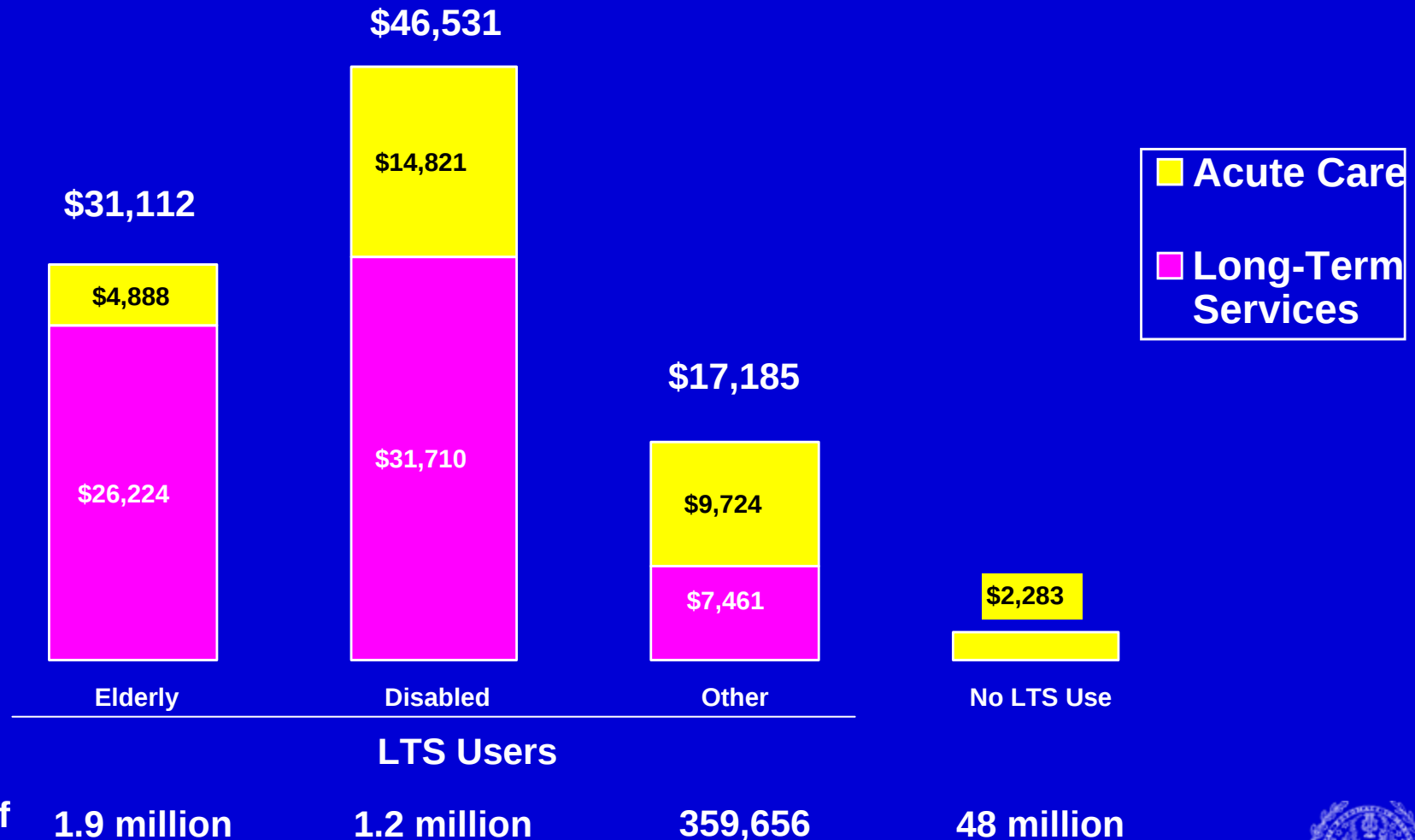


Figure 24

Need for Long-Term Services a Common Characteristic of High Cost Beneficiaries



Number of Enrollees:

1.9 million

1.2 million

359,656

48 million

Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and Urban Institute estimates based on MSIS 2002 data.



Medicaid has a unique role in the health system; not only does it fulfill several key functions, but it serves populations that have been ignored or underserved by other payers



Figure 6

For People with Extensive Needs, Private Coverage is Often Inadequate

- Slightly more than half of all non-elderly persons with severe disabilities are covered by private health insurance
- High rates of unemployment among people with disabilities limits their access to employer-sponsored insurance;
- Individual market coverage is often inadequate, unavailable, or unaffordable to people with disabilities
- Private coverage is structured for healthy, working populations and rarely provides adequate coverage for people with disabilities.



Limitations of Medicare

- Gaps in Medicare coverage that shift costs and responsibilities onto Medicaid include:
 - **Long-term services and supports**
 - Dental care and dentures
 - Hearing aids
 - Routine eye care and eyeglasses
 - Routine foot care
 - Limited mental health services



Medicaid Has a Unique Role in Relation to Private Coverage and Medicare

- **Catastrophic needs:** Assists people with extensive needs at all stages of life
- **Essential public role:** Shoulders uniquely public responsibilities, such as covering children in foster care
- **Integrates acute and long-term services:** By contrast, private insurance and Medicare mostly cover acute care or short-term rehabilitation
- **Critical safety net:** Private insurance and Medicare not designed to meet the needs of some populations with extensive needs; backbone of public efforts to provide health coverage to children and meet other national policy goals

