

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT

# Benefits and Services Provided to Medicaid Beneficiaries in South Carolina

State Fiscal Year 2018

### PATIENT CARE

Medicaid helped pay for health and long-term care services for over a million eligible members in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018, including very poor families, people with disabilities, family planning recipients, and low-income elderly citizens. Approximately 60% of children had a well visit.

Medicaid paid nearly 46,000 health care providers for services in SFY 2018, an increase of about 13% over five years. The top three places patients received care were a medical office (22%), pharmacy (18%), and on-campus outpatient hospital (14%).

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The percentage of Medicaid recipients with a behavioral health visit has increased every year since 2013. For the past five years, approximately 4 out of every 7 behavioral health patients have been children.

Nearly 1 in 4 SC Medicaid patients received care for behavioral health, including care for both mental health and substance abuse, an increase of almost 34% since SFY 2014.

### INPATIENT CARE

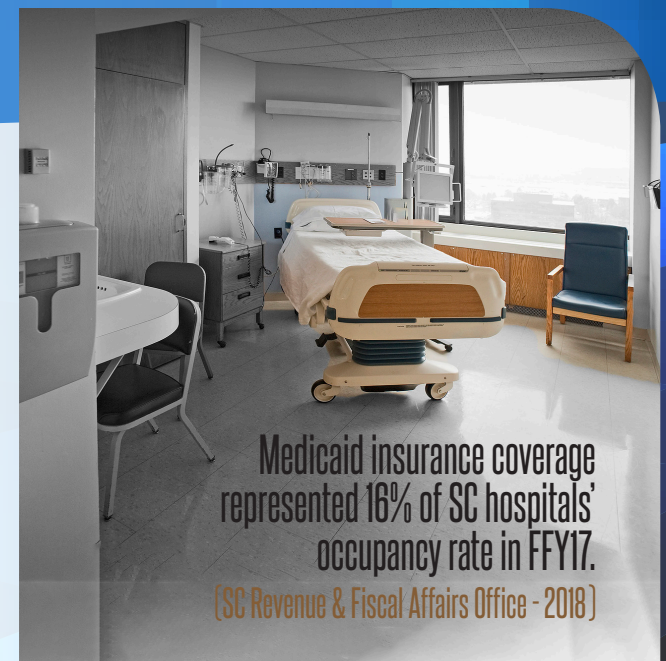
Approximately 12% of older adult Medicaid patients resided in skilled nursing facilities. During the last six state fiscal years, maternity care, mental health care, and treatment for septicemia were the primary reasons patients received inpatient treatment. Since SFY 2017, COPD and Heart Failure have moved into the top 5 primary reasons for inpatient treatment.

#### NOTES:

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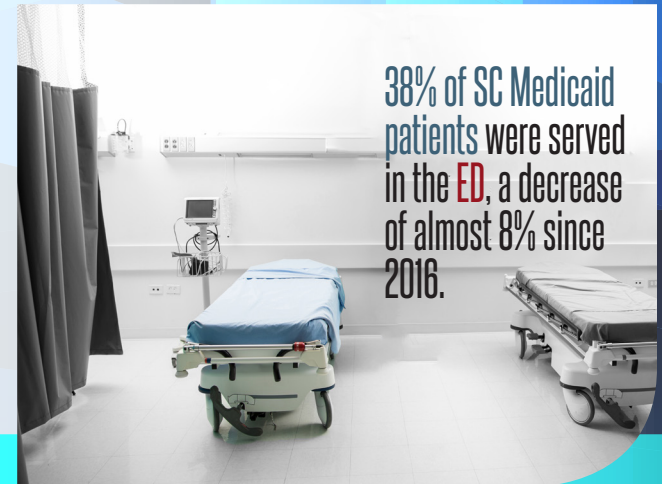
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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

For SFYs 2017-2018, adults (ages 19 to 64) and older adults (ages 65 and older) made up 57% of emergency department (ED) visits and 83% of admissions from the ED, even though they only represented 47% of ED patients.

Although children (ages 0-18) comprised 53% of ED patients, they represented only 17% of admissions from the ED in both SFY 2017 & SFY 2018.

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) respiratory infections have been the primary reason patients visited the ED since SFY 2016, accounting for approximately 1 in 12 visits in SFY 2018.



## ACCESS TO PHARMACEUTICALS

Prescriptions were received by nearly two-thirds of Medicaid beneficiaries in SFY 2018. "Pharmacy" was the second highest category of service for both the number of patients and total payments. **The top prescribed drugs were for the treatment of asthma, allergies, respiratory infection, and ADHD.**

## DENTAL CARE

In SFY 2018, approximately 2 of every 5 Medicaid patients in South Carolina received dental services. This is a 5% increase from SFY16, reflecting the 2015 expansion of adult dental coverage. Since SFY 2013, on average, dental patients visited the dentist twice per year.

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