Hospital Utilization by the Uninsured and Other Vulnerable Populations in New Jersey

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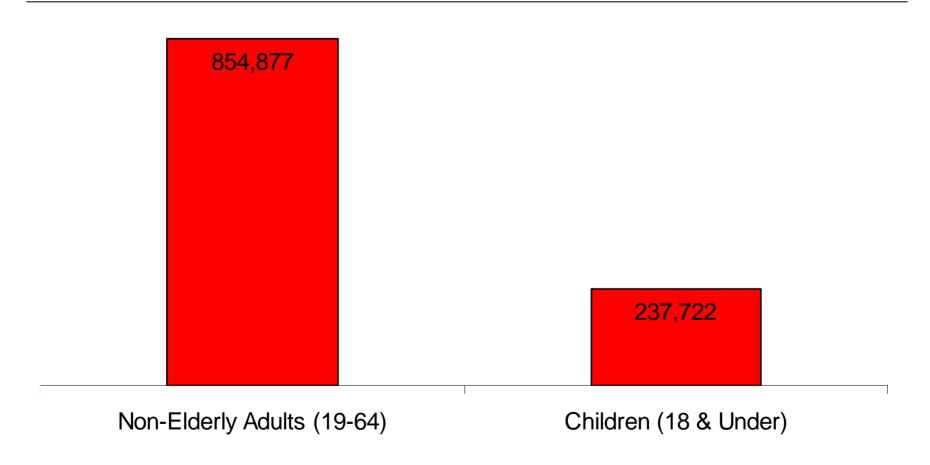
1. Uninsured in NJ

2. Use of hospital-based charity care

3. Preventable hospitalizations

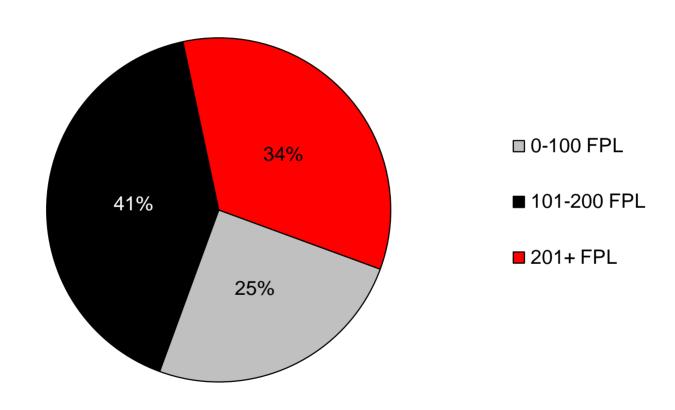
4. Summary/conclusion

Uninsured non-elderly adults and children in NJ



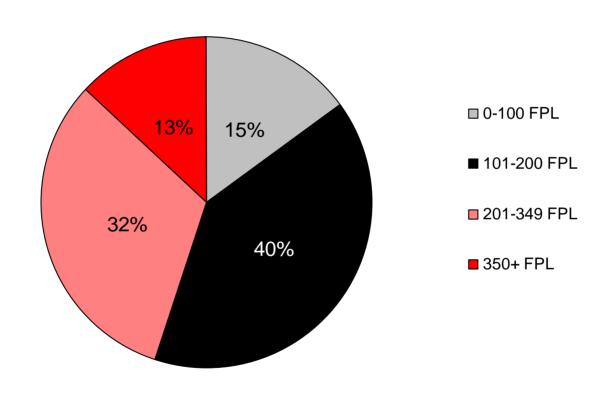
Source: NJ Family Health Survey, 2001

Uninsured children in NJ by household income as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 2001



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Uninsured <u>non-elderly adults</u> in NJ by household income as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 2001



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Hospital-Based Charity Care

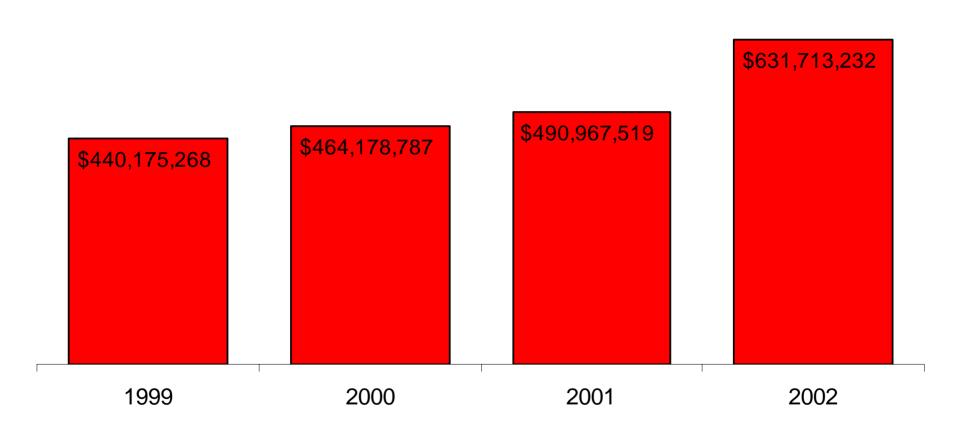
- NJ Hospital Care Payment Assistance Program
 - Income-based subsidies
 - 100% if income<200 FPL
 - Sliding scale from 200-300 FPL
- Emphasis on services delivered to patients

Charity Care Claims Data

- Payment date
- Calendar year

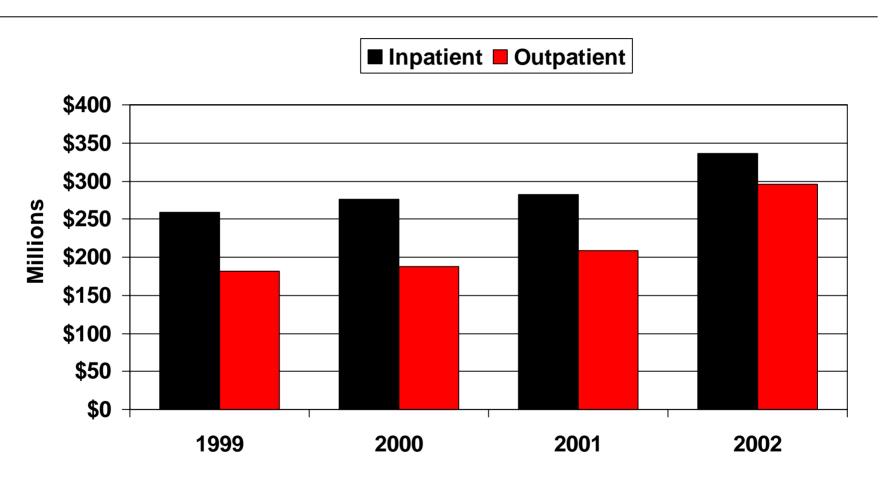
- Priced at Medicaid rates
- Does not reflect payment received
- Inflation adjusted
 - CPI
 - Base year 2000

Total value of charity care claims in NJ*



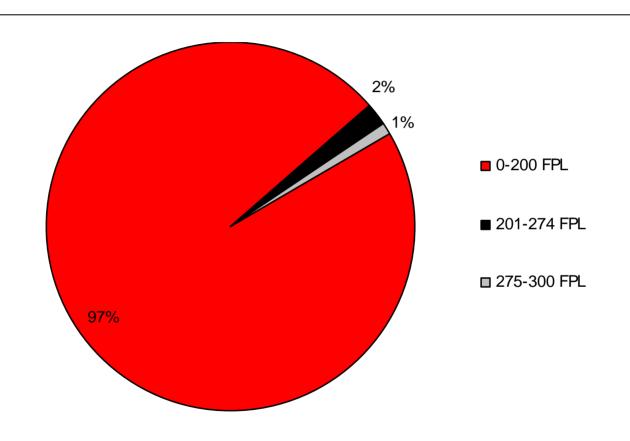
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Total Value of Charity Care Claims: Inpatient vs. Outpatient*

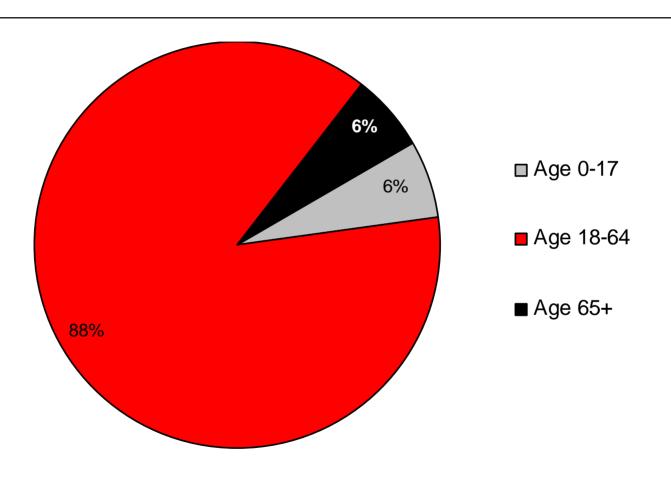


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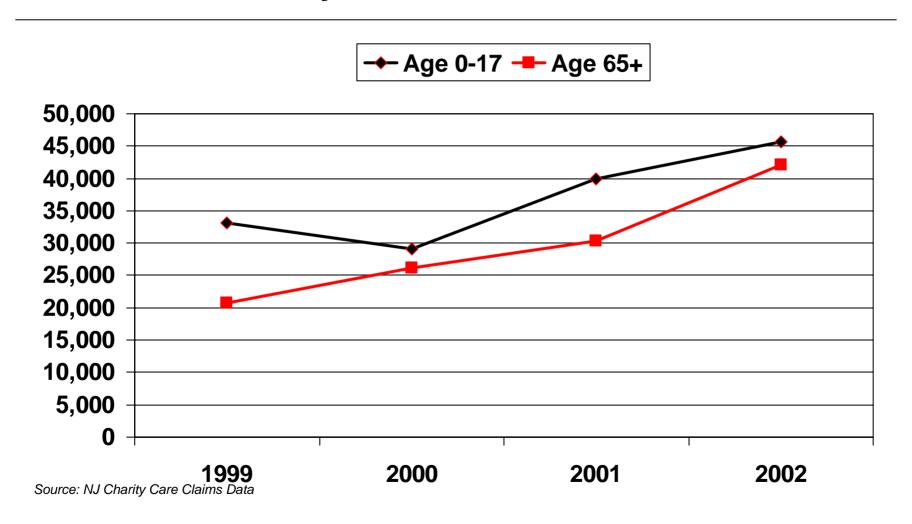
Total charity care <u>encounters</u> by income as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level in NJ, 2002



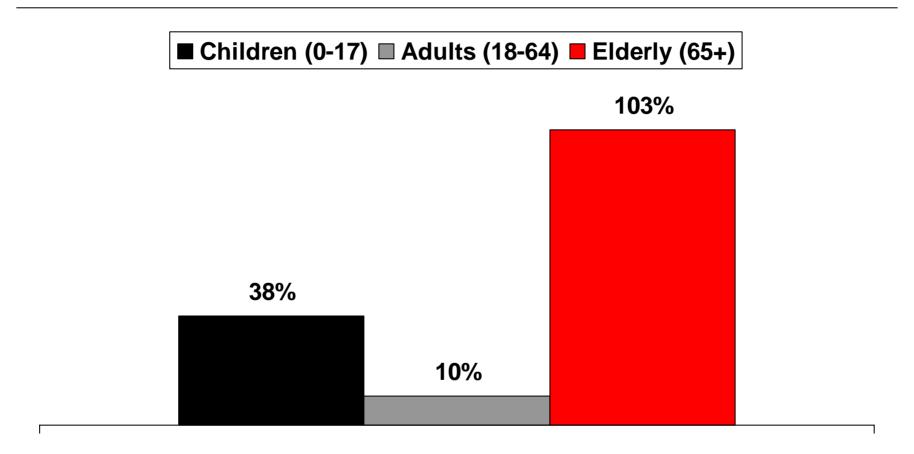
Total charity care <u>encounters</u> in NJ by age of recipient, 2002



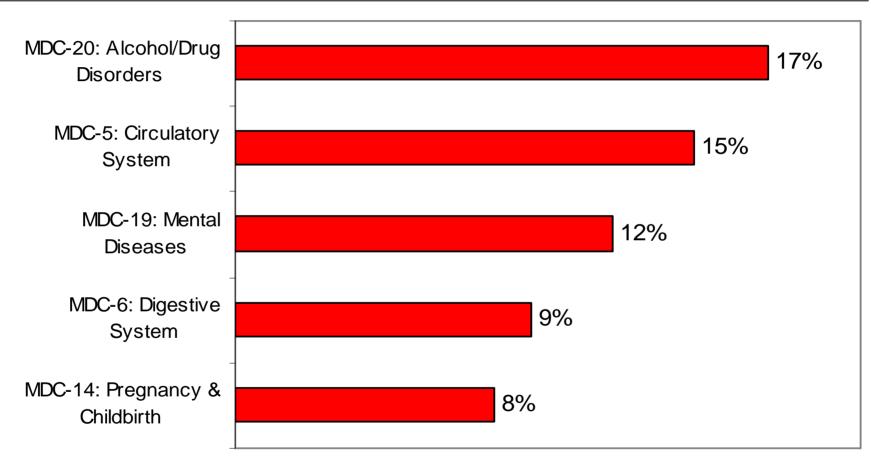
Charity Care Encounters for Children and Elderly Patients, 1999-2002



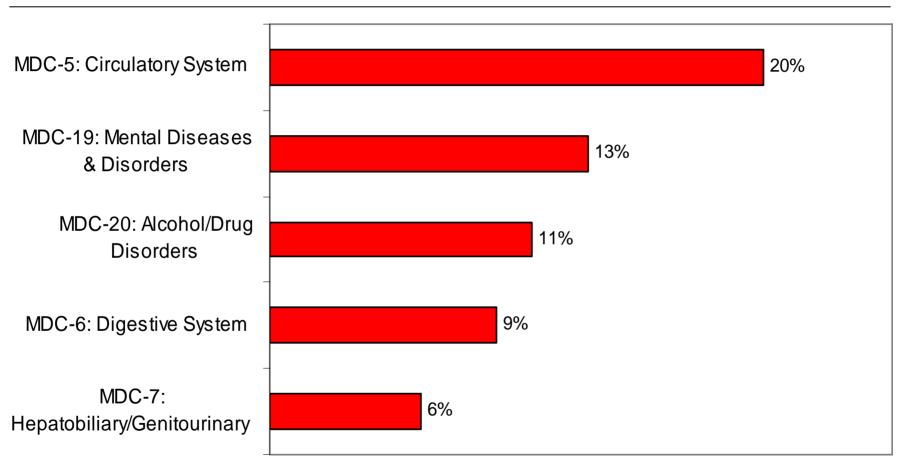
Cumulative Percentage Change in Charity Care Encounters by Age, 1999-2002



Percentage of inpatient charity care <u>admissions</u> in NJ by the Top 5 Major Diagnostic Categories (MDC's), 2002



Percentage of inpatient charity care <u>dollars</u> in NJ by the Top 5 Major Diagnostic Categories (MDC's), 2002

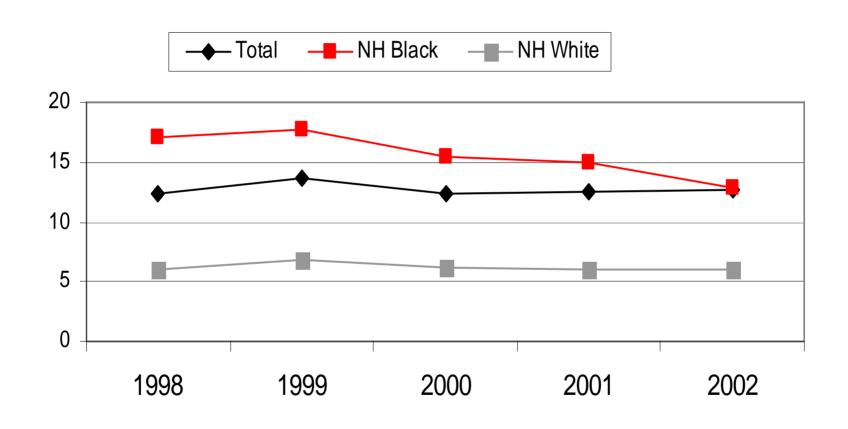


Preventable Hospitalizations

- Ambulatory care sensitive (ACS) admissions
- Age/sex adjusted rates per 1,000 individuals
- UB-92 & U.S. Census data

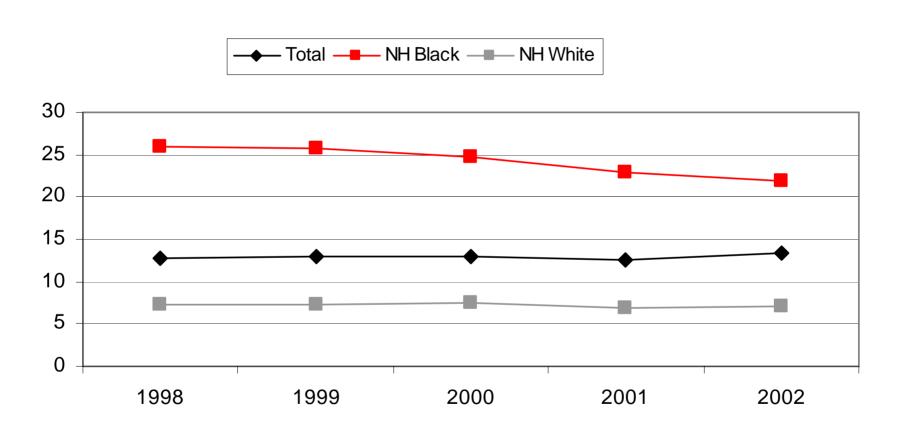
- Overall, Non-Hispanic (NH) Black, NH White
- Hispanic patients difficult to identify in UB
- Children & non-elderly adults

Preventable hospitalization rates per 1,000 children



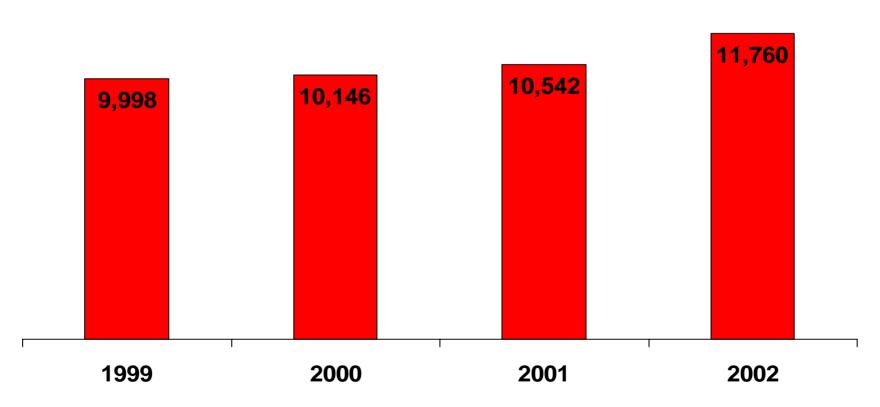
Source: NJ Hospital Uniform Billing (UB-92) Data

Preventable hospitalization rates per 1,000 non-elderly adults

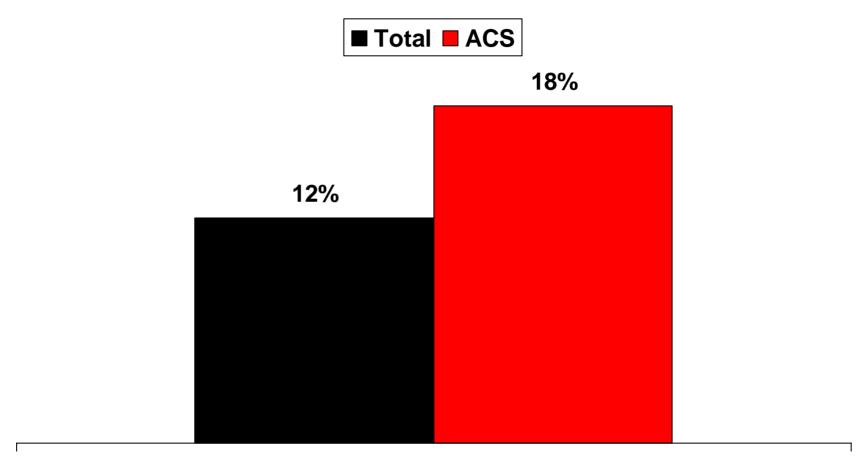


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Charity Care Admissions for ACS Conditions



Cumulative Percentage Change in Charity Care Admissions, 1999-2002



Summary of findings - 1

- Large and growing amount of resources are devoted to hospital-based charity care (CC)
- Primary users of CC are
 - Non-elderly adults
 - Individuals with income < 200 FPL
- Most common diagnoses among inpatient CC users
 - Circulatory disorders
 - Mental health
 - Drug/alcohol disorders

Summary of findings - 2

- Faster growing parts of CC system are
 - Outpatient care
 - Services to uninsured elderly
 - Services to uninsured children
- CC for preventable hospitalizations growing slightly faster than CC overall
- Disparities in preventable hospitalizations between blacks & whites have recently narrowed

Appendix: Data on NJ's Uninsured

- NJ Family Health Survey
- Representative sample of individuals in NJ
- 6,466 individuals in 2,265 families
- Response rate 59.3%
- Weighted to represent population of NJ