2005 BRFSS State Added Child Health Care Coverage/Access

Introduction:

This document gives a brief overview of results from the state added children's health insurance questions on the 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFSS). The sample includes BRFSS respondents whom reported having one or more children in their household less than 18 years of age (n=1214). The percentages presented here are weighted the counts are those whom answered the given question.

Questions for this Analysis:

1. Based on the child in the household who had the most recent birthday and is under 18, what is this child's age?
2. Does this child have any kind of health care coverage including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMO's or government plans such as Medicaid, military coverage, Indian Health or the Native Alaska Health Service?
3. Is the child's health insurance Medicaid or Denali KidCare?
4. During the past 12 months was there any time when this child was not covered by ANY health insurance?
5. During the past 12 months was there any time when the child had health coverage?
6. During the past 12 months did this child see a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional for any kind of medical care, including sick-child, well child checkups, physical exams and hospitalizations?
7. During the past 12 months did this child receive all the medical care he/she needed?
8. Why did your child not get all the medical care needed? With an unlimited number of the following as possible answers:
   a) Cost too much?
   b) No insurance?
   c) Health plan problems?
   d) Can't find doctor who accepts the child's insurance?
   e) Not available in area/transportation problems?
   f) Not convenient times/couldn't get appointment?
   g) Doctor did not know how to treat or provide care?
   h) Dissatisfaction with doctor?
   i) Did not know where to go for treatment?
   j) Child refused to go?
   k) Treatment is ongoing?
   l) Vaccine shortage?
   m) Other?

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Question Results:

1. **Based on the child in the household who had the most recent birthday and is under 18, what is this child's age?**

Average age (Unweighted)	8.98 years
(Weighted)	8.24 years

Number of responses (Number providing an age to average): 1020

2. **Does this child have any kind of health care coverage including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMO's or government plans such as Medicaid, military coverage, Indian Health or the Native Alaska Health Service?**

	Weighted %
Yes	92.14
No	5.25
Don't Know/Not Sure	1.28
Refused	1.32

Number of responses: 1044

3. **Is the child's health insurance Medicaid or Denali KidCare?**

	Weighted %
Yes	36.02
No	60.22
Don't Know/Not Sure	2.40
Refused	1.36

Number of responses: 973

4. **During the past 12 months was there any time when this child was not covered by ANY health insurance?**

	Weighted %
Yes	6.04
No	92.29
Don't Know/Not Sure	1.66
Refused	0.00

Number of responses: 946

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5. **During the past 12 months was there any time when the child had health coverage?**

	Weighted %
Yes	21.77
No	48.28
Don't Know/Not Sure	12.70
Refused	17.25

Number of responses: 98

6. **During the past 12 months did this child see a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional for any kind of medical care, including sick-child, well child checkups, physical exams and hospitalizations?**

	Weighted %
Yes	78.22
No	18.23
Don't Know/Not Sure	2.02
Refused	1.54

Number of responses: 1044

7. **During the past 12 months did this child receive all the medical care he/she needed?**

	Weighted %
Yes	94.85
No	2.02
Don't Know/Not Sure	1.81
Refused	1.33

Number of responses:1042

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8. **Why did your child not get all the medical care needed?***
   (With an unlimited number of the following as possible answers:)

	Number "Yes" (Not weighted)	**Weighted %**
a) Cost too much?	16	1.43
b) No insurance?	16	1.24
c) Health plan problems?	6	0.90
d) Can't find doctor who accepts the child's insurance?	2	0.12
e) Not available in area/transportation problems?	6	0.38
f) Not convenient times/couldn't get appointment	4	0.32
g) Doctor did not know how to treat or provide care?	1	0.02
h) Dissatisfaction with doctor?	3	0.18
i) Did not know where to go for treatment?	2	0.18
j) Child refused to go?	1	0.07
k) Treatment is ongoing?	4	0.64
l) Vaccine shortage?	0	0.00
m) Other?	10	0.99
Percent whom provided at **least one** reason for the child not getting all the medical care need	71	6.47

Number of responses:
1192 (Total)
22 (Did not receive all medical needed – question 7)

* **Because of the small number/percent (22/ <7%) reported that their child did not get all the medical care they needed it would be unwise to make program decision based on this data indicated WHY they did not get this care. Additionally, it will be difficult to conduct much further analysis on this group.**

Cross-tab Results:

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Of those whom indicated that the child had coverage
(Reference: "Yes" to Question #2) **Weighted %**

	Yes	No	DK/NS	Refused
What percentage indicated that the coverage was Medicaid or Denali KidCare? (Reference: Question #3 - *934 responses*)	35.83	59.85	1.57	0.00
What percentage indicated that during the past 12 months there were any times when this child was not covered by ANY health insurance? (Reference: Question #4 - *943 responses*)	6.04	92.17	1.58	0.00
What percentage indicated that during the past 12 the child had seen a health care professional for any kind of medical care? (Reference: Question #6 - *943 responses*)	74.15	15.49	1.69	0.21
What percentage indicated the child had received all the care he/she needed? (Reference: Question #7 - *941 responses*)	90.01	1.13	0.98	0.00

Number of responses: 1214

Comments, Remarks, Cautions:

1. In the 2005 survey year the survey questions changed very little, making comparisons with the previous year possible.
2. The sample size was comparable in size to previous years.
3. Understanding question skip patterns is important in understanding response rates. Examples:
    a. No data is provided in the cross-tab table for the cross-tab between affirmative answers to Question #2 and the responses to Question #5 because the skip pattern was such that those who answered "Yes" to Question #2 would not be asked Question #5.
    b. Only those who answered "No" to Question #7 would be the only (22) folks who would reply to Questions #8. The reason why there were 71 "Yes" answers to Questions #8 is because most of the respondents gave multiple reasons as to why their child did not get the needed healthcare.
4. The small number (22) whom reported that their child did not get all the medical care was too small to make answers to Questions #8 statistically meaningful.