**SoonerCare Fast Facts**

**April 2014**

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT — OKLAHOMA SOONERCARE (MEDICAID)**

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<th>Qualifying Group</th>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
<th>% of Total</th>
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<td>Aged/Blind/Disabled</td>
<td>Child</td>
<td>19,090</td>
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<td>Oklahoma Cares (Breast &amp; Cervical Cancer)</td>
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**SoonerCare Choice, 565,329, 70%**

**SoonerCare Traditional (Fee-For-Service), 197,795, 24%**

**SoonerPlan, 45,282, 6%**

**Notes:**
- New Enrollees: Oklahoma SoonerCare members that have not been enrolled in the past 6 months.
  - Adults: 7,858
  - Children: 10,189
  - Total: 18,047
- CHIP Breakdown of Total Enrollment:
  - Members qualifying for SoonerCare (Medicaid) eligibility under the CHIP program are under age 19 and have income below the maximum for standard eligibility and the expanded 185% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income guidelines.
  - CHIP Breakdown of Total Enrollment:
    - Children: 293,945, 36%
    - Adults: 514,461, 64%
    - Pregnant Women: 2,824
- Race Breakdown of Total Enrollment:
  - American Indian: 62,245, 11%
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 8,898, 2%
  - Black or African American: 63,323, 13%
  - Caucasian: 324,766, 65%
  - Multiple Race: 50,755, 8%
  - Declined to Answer: 13,617, 2.23%
- Hispanic Ethnicity: 108,528, 16%

**Other Enrollment Facts**

- Total Enrollment (Including Insure Oklahoma) - 827,512
- Unduplicated Enrollment SFY (July through report month including Insure Oklahoma) - 1,003,447

**Other Breakdowns of Total Enrollment**

- Oklahoma SoonerCare (Medicaid) members residing in a long-term care facility - 15,276
- Oklahoma persons enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid (Dual Enrollees) - 109,819
- SoonerCare (Medicaid) members enrolled in Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers - 22,680
- SoonerCare (Medicaid) members enrolled in Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) - 128

**Age Breakdown of Total Enrollment**

- Children Age 18 and Under, 63%
- Adults Age 19 to 64, 30%
- Adults Age 65 and Over, 7%

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Immunization Week Gives State Agencies New Shot At Boosting Childhood Vaccinations

Immunization prevents an estimated 2-3 million deaths worldwide each year, yet 1 in 5 children don’t receive vaccinations. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) have created a new partnership to dispel the myths associated with childhood immunizations and increase the number of Oklahoma children receiving the complete recommended series of vaccinations. National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), set for April 26 – May 3, provides a timely opportunity for the agencies to educate parents on the importance and the positive impact of vaccinations on the lives of our infants and children.

Health care professionals recommend that parents protect their children from vaccine-preventable illnesses from birth. Children who aren’t vaccinated pose a potential danger to their entire community. Even if those around them have been vaccinated, there is still a risk of exposure – no vaccine is 100 percent effective. As a result, outbreaks can lead not only to illness but to lifelong disabilities (e.g. permanent brain damage) and death.

“It is extremely critical for all children in Oklahoma to receive a full series of immunizations,” said OHCA’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Sylvia Lopez. Dr. Lopez, a board certified pediatrician/neonatologist, was in private practice in the Oklahoma City area for 25 years prior to joining the OHCA. “That we are able to impact the prevalence of infectious diseases not only protects your child but also the children around them.”

According to the OSDH, Oklahoma currently ranks 48th in the nation for the percent of children up-to-date with their primary vaccines, and only 61 percent of babies and toddlers 19 through 35 months of age in Oklahoma have completed their vaccines. Common barriers to immunization range from scheduling conflicts for parents and fear of side effects to a child being sick at their appointment time. The OHCA and OSDH have created a new Immunization workgroup to address these challenges. Through targeted outreach efforts, the workgroup aims to increase the number of completed 15-shot immunization series (4:3:1:3:3:1) for the 19-35-month age group in one of the state’s undervaccinated counties – Bryan County. The pilot is scheduled to run June 1 through December 30.

“In Oklahoma, we tend to start immunizations on time, but it takes an effort to keep up,” said Lopez. She added that if a child’s vaccinations aren’t up-to-date, parents and caregivers can help get things back on schedule by simply contacting their doctor to get them done in a timely manner.

Infants and Children covered by SoonerCare (Oklahoma Medicaid) can receive life-saving immunizations for FREE as part of their benefit package. In addition, SoonerRide is available to help with transportation for these scheduled appointments. SoonerCare members can find more details by visiting www.okhca.org or contacting the SoonerCare Helpline at 800-987-7767. Parents with children not covered under SoonerCare can receive immunizations through private health insurance or the Vaccine for Children’s (VFC) program (http://imm.health.ok.gov). All county health departments and many private doctors in Oklahoma participate in the VFC program.

For those who worry about the safety of immunizations, please contact your health care provider to get the facts. Delaying or withholding vaccinations can have grave consequences. Lopez said providers must talk to parents and caregivers about their legitimate concerns.

“Proper immunization of children is everyone’s responsibility,” said Lopez.

To learn more about NIIW and to get additional childhood immunization resources, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/overview.html.

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