Introduction

Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) are important programs for rural communities. Nationally, Medicaid provides health insurance to a larger share of the population in rural areas than in urban areas. These programs are also critical sources of income for rural health care providers and contribute to economic development in rural communities. While there are many resources on Medicaid and SCHIP that provide important information to policymakers, advocates, researchers, and others, state-specific information on characteristics of Medicaid and SCHIP in rural areas is hard to find. The State Profiles of Medicaid and SCHIP in Rural and Urban Areas on this web site were developed to address this information gap.

The State Profiles summarize data from a range of sources on Medicaid and SCHIP with an emphasis on program characteristics relevant to rural areas. To obtain information on enrollment and expenditures in rural areas, individual state web sites were searched for administrative data by county. Where available, data are presented aggregated by metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties and links to county-level data are provided. The Background Information and National Summary Tables document, below, contains select data for each state aggregated by subject into national tables. A complete description of the more detailed information contained in each State Profile can be found in the User’s Guide.

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Background Information and National Summary Tables

User's Guide

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