Trends in New Enrollment and Retention in the HUSKY Program

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Purpose

To assess outreach, retention, and coverage continuity among children and adults in the HUSKY Program

Who is Eligible for HUSKY A? (Medicaid for children and families)

- Children under 19 who live in Connecticut, are US citizens or qualified legal residents, and live in families with household income under 185% FPL
- Parents/relative caregivers … qualified legal residents in the US five years or more … with income under 185% FPL
- Pregnant women … under 250% FPL

Who is Eligible for HUSKY B? (CHIP for uninsured children)

- Uninsured children under 19 who live in Connecticut, are US citizens or qualified legal residents, and live in families with household income…

…185% - 300% FPL (subsidized coverage)

…Over 300% FPL (unsubsidized coverage)

Recent Changes

- **Eligibility expansions**:
  - Parent/relative caregivers to 185% FPL (7/1/07)
  - Pregnant women to 250% FPL (1/1/08)
- **Cost-sharing**:
  - HUSKY B co-payments and premiums (Band 2, 3) increased (7/1/10; premium increase rescinded)
- **Outreach funding**:
  - State funding ended in 2009
  - Federal CHIPRA funding for Connecticut (9/09-9/11)

Year	HUSKY A Children	HUSKY A Adults	HUSKY B
2012	TBA	TBA	14,379
2011	256,808	134,248	14,874
2010	239,531	125,370	15,657
2009	223,443	108,076	13,654
2008	214,211	98,464	16,132
2007	204,561	88,547	16,796
2006	211,991	90,070	15,163

Enrollment Study Questions

- How many children and adults were newly enrolled in 2010 (not enrolled in the previous 12 months)? **(new enrollment)**
- **F**or every 100 new enrollees, how much did net enrollment increase or decrease? **("retention ratio")**
- What percent of those who are ever enrolled are enrolled for an entire year? (**coverage continuity)**

RESULTS

Trends in New Enrollment

	HUSKY A	HUSKY B	HUSKY TOTAL
2010	79,469	1,507	**80,976**
2009	89,281	5,594	**94,875**
2008	72,010	3,680	**75,690**
2007	70,760	4,231	**74,991**
2006	62,844	3,457	**66,301**

Newly Enrolled Children and Adults

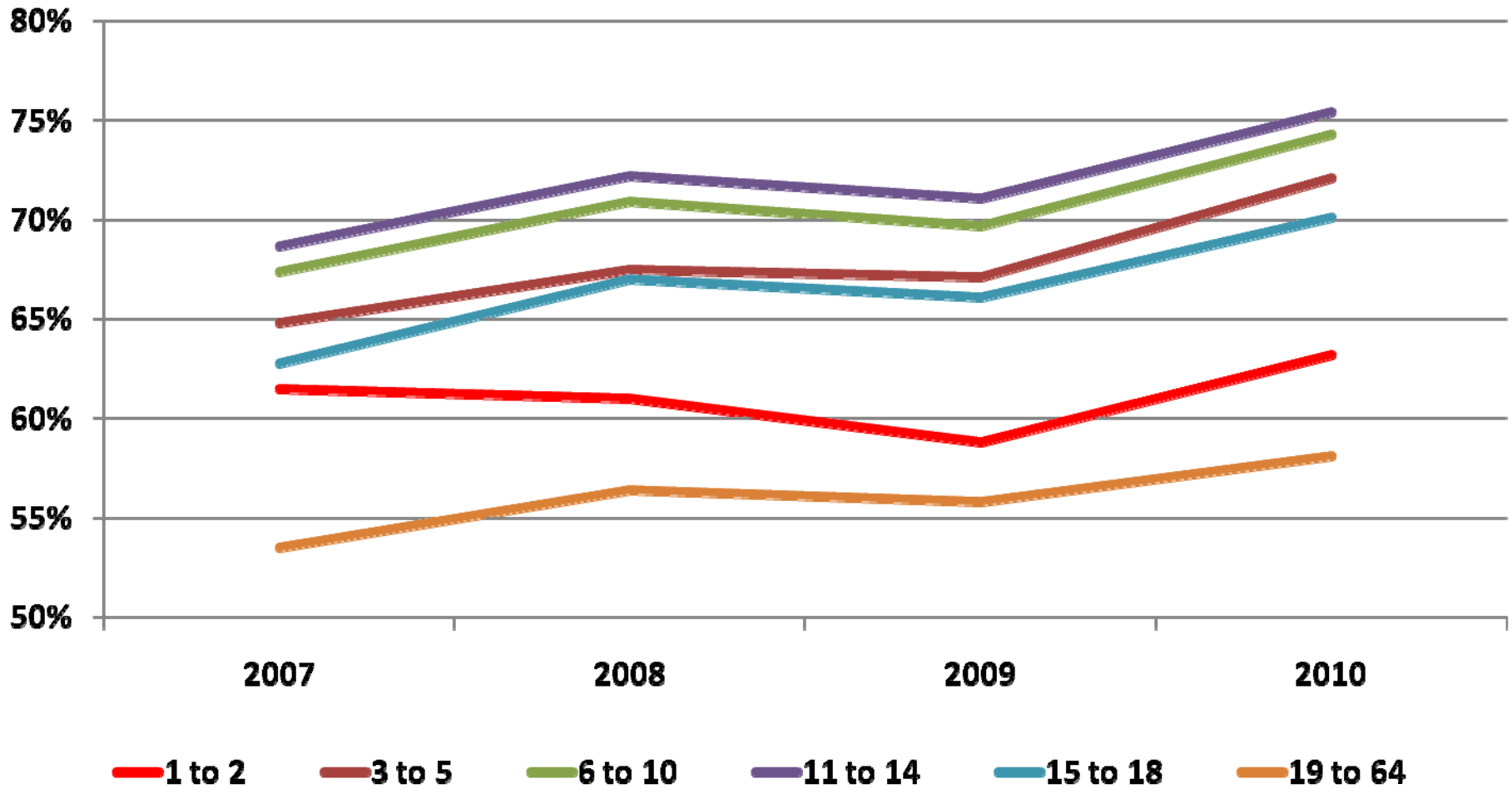
	2010	2009
HUSKY A total	**79,469**	**89,281**
Children	46,557	52,962
Adults	32,892	36,319
HUSKY B total	**1,507**	**5,594**
Band 1	882	3,108
Band 2	508	1,971
Band 3	117	515

Maintaining Coverage

	Net change	New HUSKY enrollees	Retention ratio*
2010	31,501	80,976	**38.9**
2009	27,997	94,875	**29.5**
2008	17,148	75,690	**22.7**
2007	19,267	74,991	**25.7**
2006	-9,096	66,301	**-13.7**

* Net increase (decrease) enrollment for every 100 new enrollees

Coverage Continuity: Continuously Enrolled* in HUSKY A by Age Group: 2007-2010



* Percent of ever enrolled who were continuously enrolled 12 months in the calendar year

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Outreach and Retention

- Outreach, eligibility expansions, and adoption of simplification strategies have resulted in increased enrollment during the recent economic downturn
- Although many enrollees lose coverage, retention may be improving

Recommendations

- Support community-based efforts to assist with applications and renewal
- Support HUSKY Infoline assistance for maintaining coverage
- Continue to monitor coverage continuity, an important dimension of quality in health care

Implications

Reliance on enrollment simplification strategies AND continued enrollment increases may qualify Connecticut for another CHIPRA performance bonus in 2012

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Lessons learned in the HUSKY Program should be applied to the development of AND investment in support for individuals and families seeking coverage under health reform

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