

Medicaid and Foster Care

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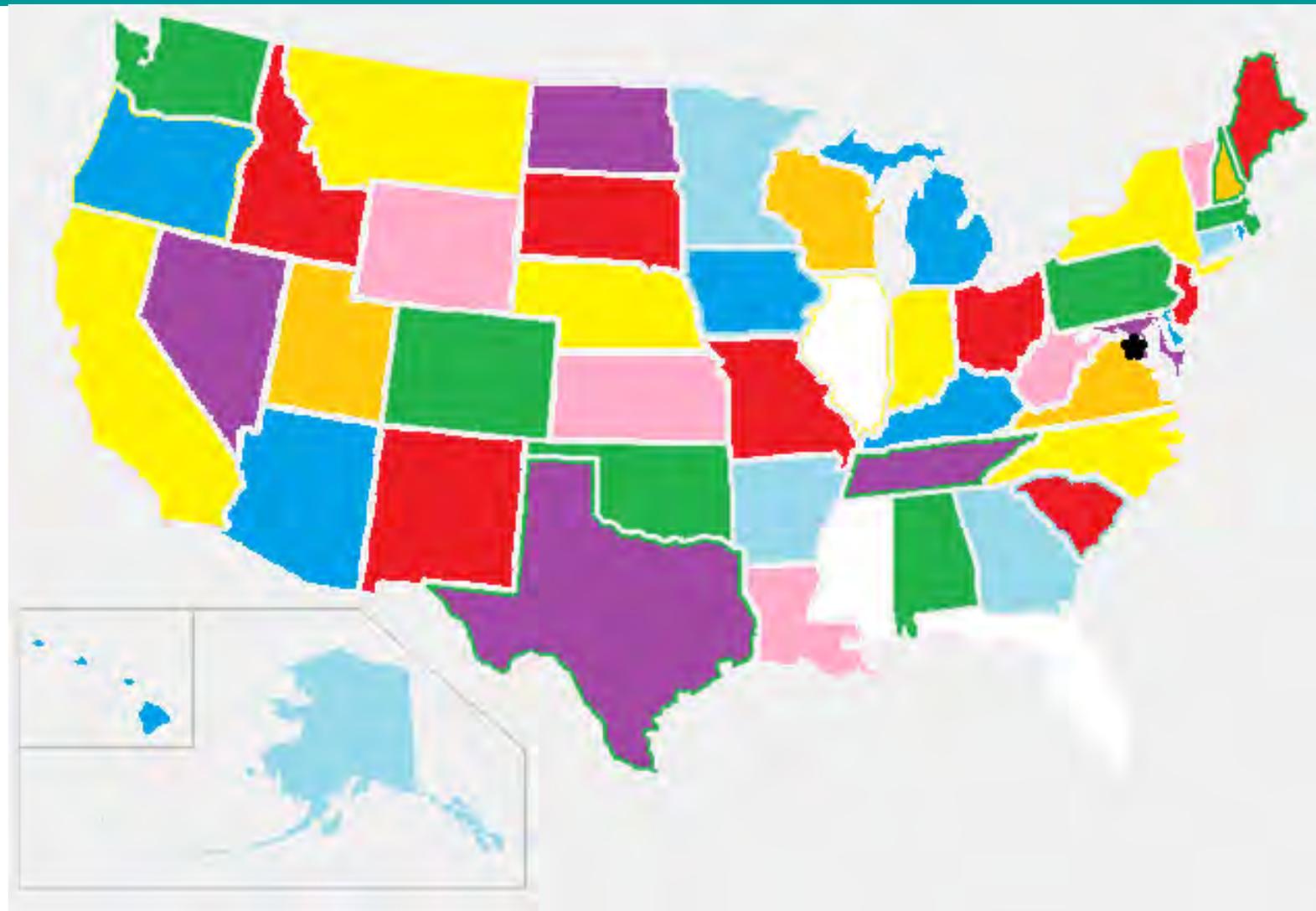
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AHRQ Medicaid Medical Directors Learning Network (MMDLN)

- Supported by AHRQ since 2005
- Seeks to advance the health of Medicaid patients in the states and across the nation while best stewarding available resources
- Regular knowledge transfer activities
 - Web conferences
 - In-person workshops
 - Web forum discussions
 - Multi-state collaborative projects

47 States and Washington, DC

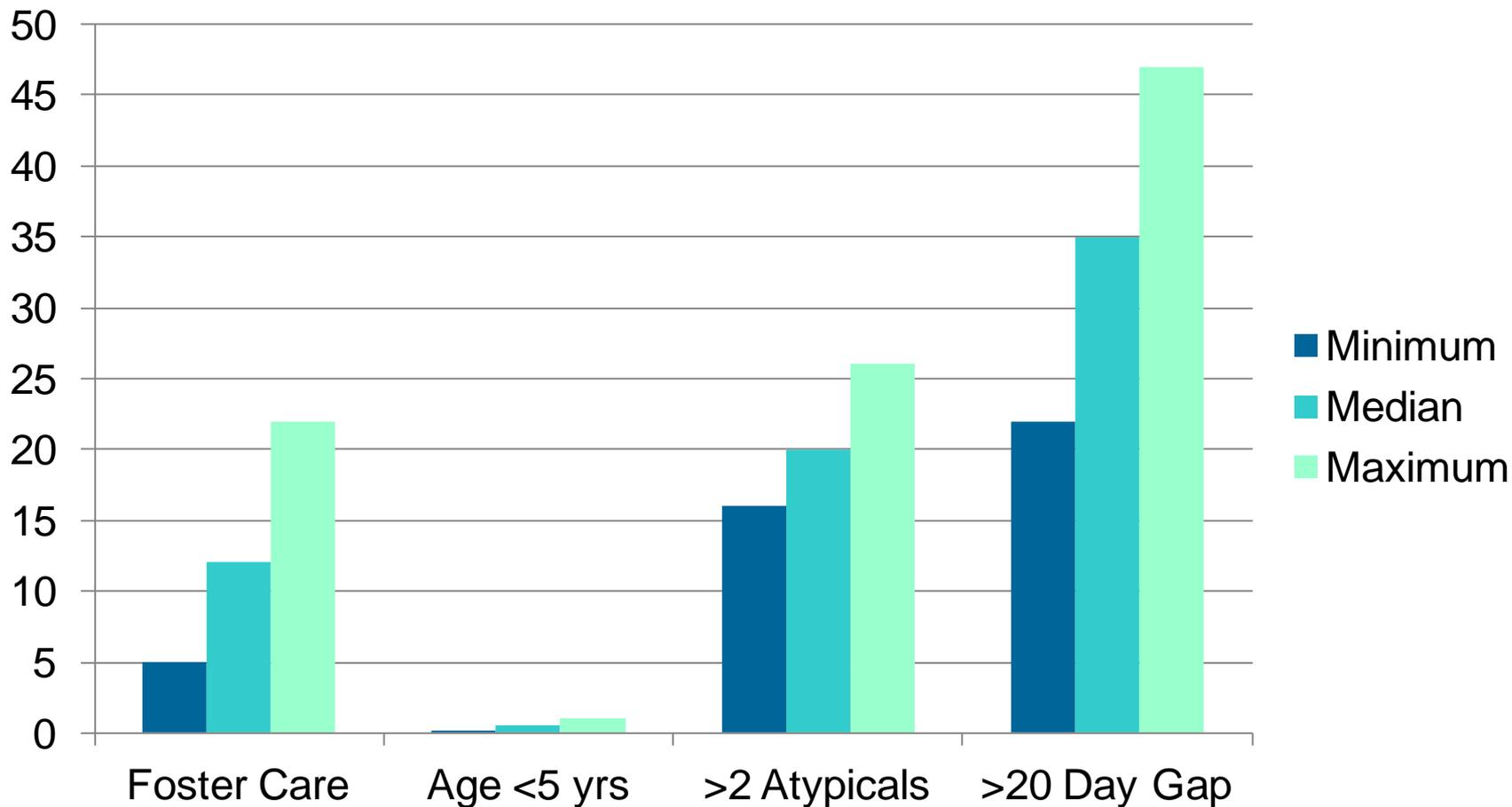


Improving Care and Proving It

MMDLN and Foster Care

- Medicaid coverage for foster care
- Increasing use of atypical antipsychotics in kids
 - Concern about safety
 - Concern about appropriateness
- First data project as a network
 - 16 states data and policies
 - Flags of too many, too much, too young

16 State Study of Atypical Antipsychotic Use 2007



CO: On the Right Track

- **Emergency Department Visits** (Fiscal Year 2009-10):
 - About **25%** of children in foster care visited the emergency department at least once.
 - About **42%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care visited the emergency department at least once.

CO: On the Right Track

- **Well Child Visits** (Fiscal Year 2009-10):
 - About **74%** of children in foster care had at least one well child visit.*
 - About **87%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care had at least one well child visit.

*In comparison to the Healthy People 2020 goal of having 76% of adolescents (aged 10-17) who have wellness check-ups once a year by 2020, Colorado is on the right track.

CO: Improvement Needed

- **Dental Care** (Fiscal Year 2009-10):
 - About **61%** of children in foster care used dental services at least once during the year.
 - About **63%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care used dental services at least once during the year.

CO: Improvement Needed

Hospitalization (Fiscal Year 2009-10):

- About **4%** of children in foster care were hospitalized at least once.
- About **5%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care were hospitalized at least once.
- Average length of stay for children in foster care was **11** days compared to the Medicaid children not in foster care at **8** days.

CO: Major Challenges

- **Pharmacy** (Fiscal Year 2009-10):
 - About **71%** of children in foster care used general pharmacy services at least once.
 - About **66%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care used general pharmacy services at least once.

CO: Major Challenges

- **Pharmacy - continued** (Fiscal Year 2009-10):
- Mental Health Drug Usage:
 - About **34%** of children in foster care used at least one mental health drug.
 - About **3%** of Medicaid children who were not in foster care used at least one mental health drug.

Top 10 Drug Rankings by Utilization

	In Foster Care	Not in Foster Care
1	Abilify	Amoxil
2	Concerta	Ventolin
3	Catapres	Zithromax
4	Risperdal	Polymox
5	Seroquel	Proventil
6	Adderall	Singulair
7	Zoloft	Keflex
8	Vyvanse	Augmentin
9	Depakote	Mycostatin
10	Ventolin	Concerta

Improving Care for Children in Foster Care:

- Increasing access to fluoride varnish
- Increasing Medicaid benefit knowledge for case workers and foster parents
- Increasing the inclusion of children in foster care in the Medicaid enrollment process
- 3 Agencies working more closely and Accountable Care Organization
- DO work collaboratively with agencies, providers and community partners
- DON'T blame and DO be thoughtful with data