

Behavior therapy first for children under 6 with ADHD

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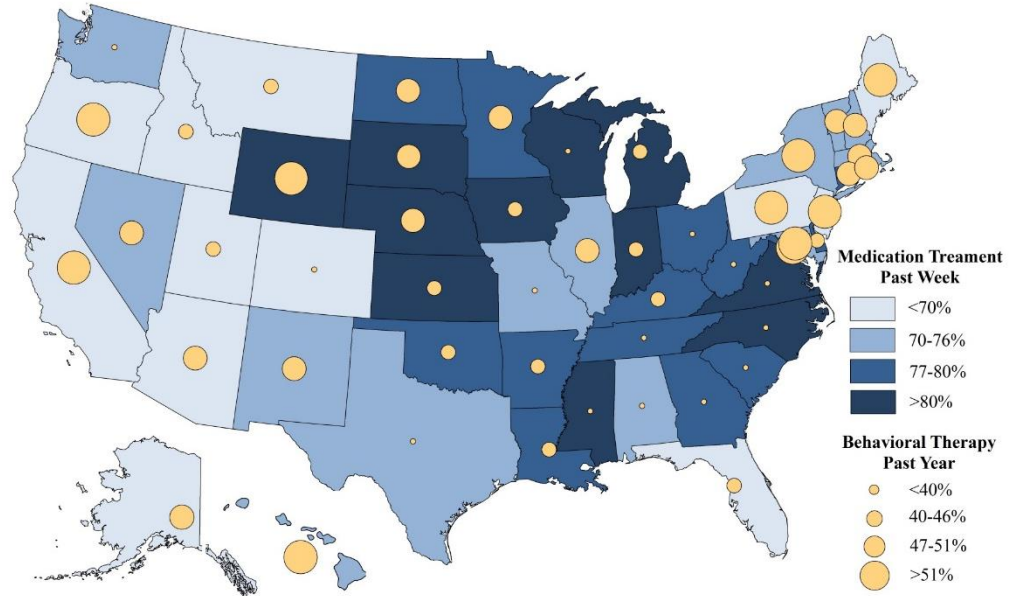


Examine State Data for Rates of Medication Treatment and Psychological Services



Example Data Sources:

- Medicaid data
- Private insurance
- Foster care



National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (4-17 years of age), 2009-2010

Evaluate ADHD Medication Prescribing Policies and Other Policies that May Affect ADHD Treatment



Policies such as:

- Data registries
- Preferred drug lists
- Prior authorization policies

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Prior Authorization Policies for Pediatric ADHD Medication Prescriptions Map

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), more than 6.4 million US children aged 4–17 years have had attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) diagnosed. The percentage of US children diagnosed with ADHD has increased by 3%–5% per year since the 1990s. Relatedly, the percentage of children in this age group taking ADHD medication also has increased by about 7% per year from 2007–2008 to 2011–2012. Some state Medicaid programs have implemented policies to manage the use of ADHD medications and guide physicians toward best practices for ADHD treatment in children. These policies include prescription medication prior authorization requirements that restrict approvals to patients above a certain age, or require additional provider involvement before approval for payment is granted. This dataset examines features of state Medicaid prior authorization policies that pertain to pediatric ADHD medication treatment, including applicable ages, medication types, and criteria for approval.

This page has been updated through November 1, 2015. To explore the variation in these policies, click the "Start Here" button below.

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Did you know?

Seven states ask a prescriber whether behavioral therapy or other non-medication treatments have been considered before authorization is granted for ADHD medication prescriptions for children.

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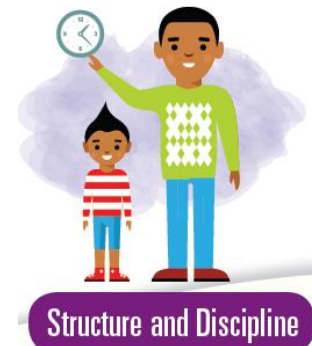
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Support Availability and Accessibility of Behavior Therapy Services



Partners and policy-makers can:

- Support scale-up of proven parent training programs
- Encourage health plans and provider organizations to support reimbursement for behavior therapy services
- Facilitate referrals and connections to available services



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