



To: Health Impact on Lives Sub-committee
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Subject: EPSDT and WCC Rates

Background: Enacted in 1967, early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment (EPSDT) is a Medicaid benefit for children 20 and under that helps ensure children have access to appropriate developmental screenings and receive any necessary treatment. States serve as key partners in delivering these services. In 2013, the ACC selected well-child care (WCC) as a key performance indicator (KPI) and an area for delivery improvement. In 2014, the ACC narrowed the KPI to the 3 to 9 year old cohort. The ACC KPI differs from EPSDT primarily in the criteria of the eligible population and the eligible service codes. The ACC KPI focuses on children ages 3 to 9 with 90 days of continuous ACC enrollment whereas EPSDT focuses on all Medicaid children with 90 days of continuous Medicaid eligibility. The KPI also does not count dental visits or blood lead screenings as eligible services whereas EPSDT does.

Current Performance: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services require an 80.0% completion rate for EPSDT across all states. The national rate is currently 57.8%. Colorado’s performance rate is 47.2%, which ranks 37th across the nation and is significantly behind top performers, including Louisiana (100.0%), Washington, DC (96.0%), and Kansas (82.0%). Colorado’s ranking has progressively declined over the past three years, dropping from 30th in 2012 and 35th in 2013. Across Colorado, EPSDT performance wanes as children get older, which is consistent with national trends (see Table 1 and Chart 1).

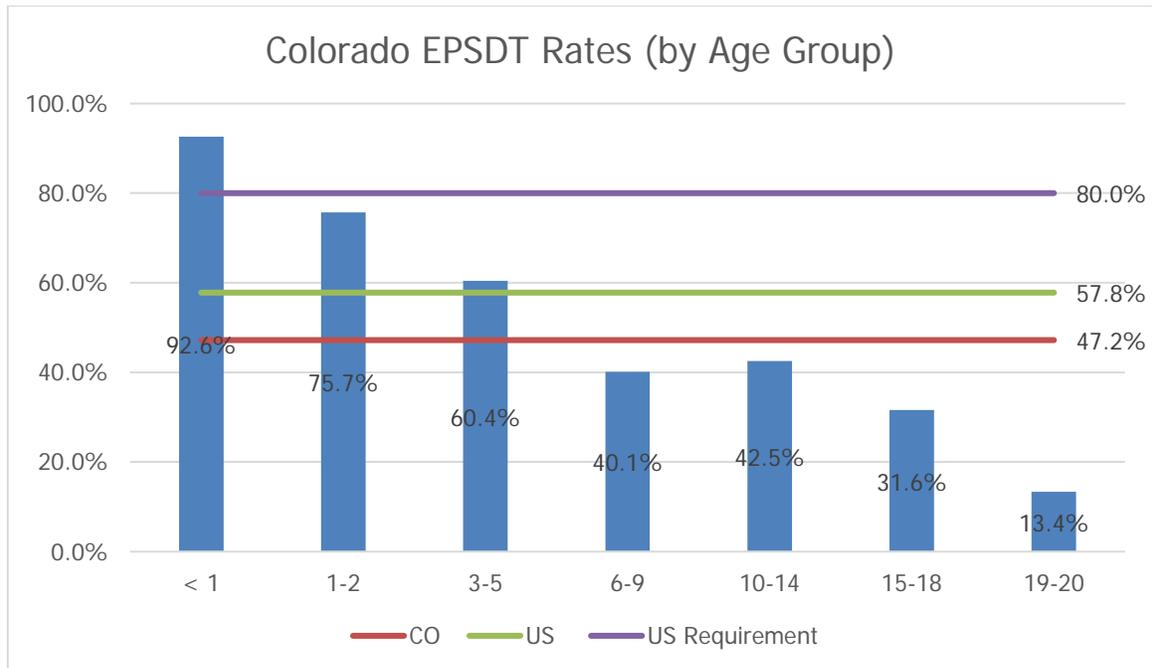
Table 1. Colorado EPSDT Rates (All Ages)

	Overall	< 1	1-2	3-5	6-9	10-14	15-18	19-20
EPSDT Rate	47.2%	92.6%	75.7%	60.4%	40.1%	42.6%	31.6%	13.4%

Note: Data from CMS covering Oct 2014 to Sept 2015.



Chart 1. Colorado EPSDT Rates (by Age Group)



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The current ACC-wide WCC for children ages 3 to 9 is 48.9%, which is a decrease from a baseline performance of 49.7% in 2013. This is consistent with Colorado's 3 to 9 year old EPSDT rate (48.6%) but significantly lower than the national rate (62.7%) for the same age category. ACC rates are also lower than fee-for-service (50.0%), Denver Health Medicaid Choice (50.0%), and RMHP PRIME (51.0%) EPSDT rates for the 3 to 9 age cohort. Performance within the ACC ranges from 43.5% (RCCO 2) to 56.8% (RCCO 5) (see Table 2 and Chart 2).

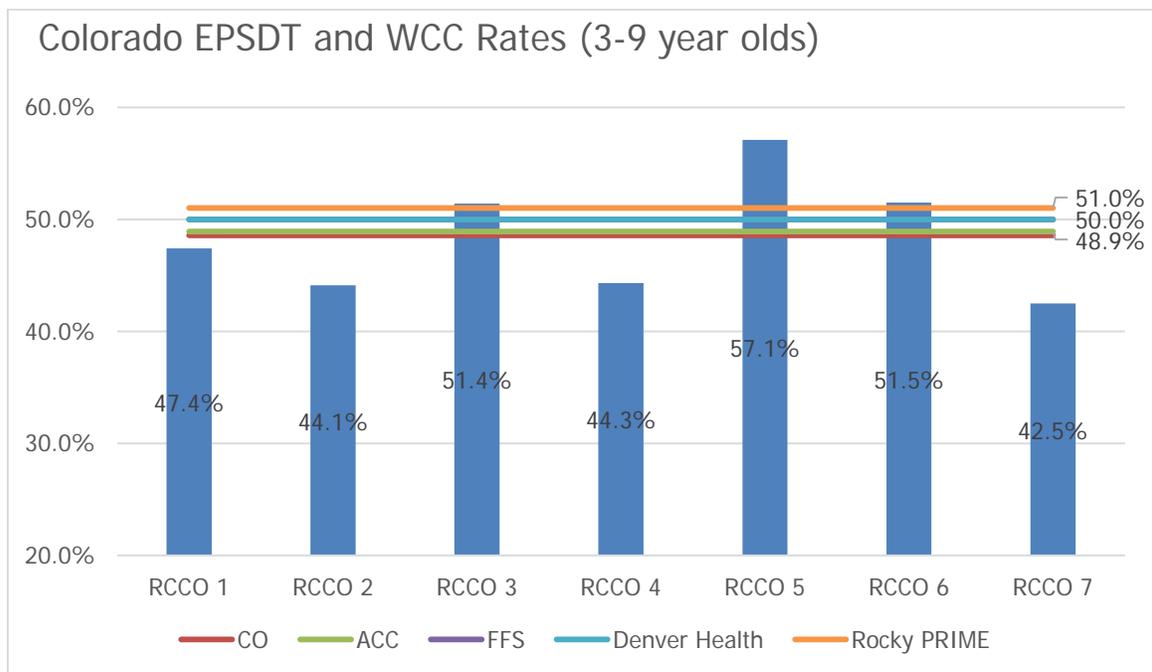
Table 2. Colorado EPSDT and WCC Rates (3-9 year olds)

	EPSDT/WCC Completion Rate
US	62.7%
CO	48.6%
ACC	48.6%
RCCO 1	47.4%
RCCO 2	44.1%
RCCO 3	51.4%
RCCO 4	44.3%
RCCO 5	57.1%
RCCO 6	51.5%
RCCO 7	42.5%
Other Medicaid Programs	
FFS	50.0%

MCO: Denver Health	50.0%
MCO: RMHP PRIME	51.0%

Note: US, CO, and Other Medicaid Programs rates are EPSDT rates for children ages 3 to 9 years old. ACC rates are WCC rates for children ages 3 to 9 years old. US and CO data is from CMS covering Oct 2014 to Sept 2015. Other Medicaid Programs data is from 416 Reports to CMS for 2015. ACC data is from the Colorado SDAC for April 2015 to March 2016.

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Overall, the ACC has seen a decline in performance over time. RCCOs 4, 5, and 6 have shown improvements, whereas RCCOs 1, 2, 3, and 7 have shown declines (see Table 3 and Chart 3).

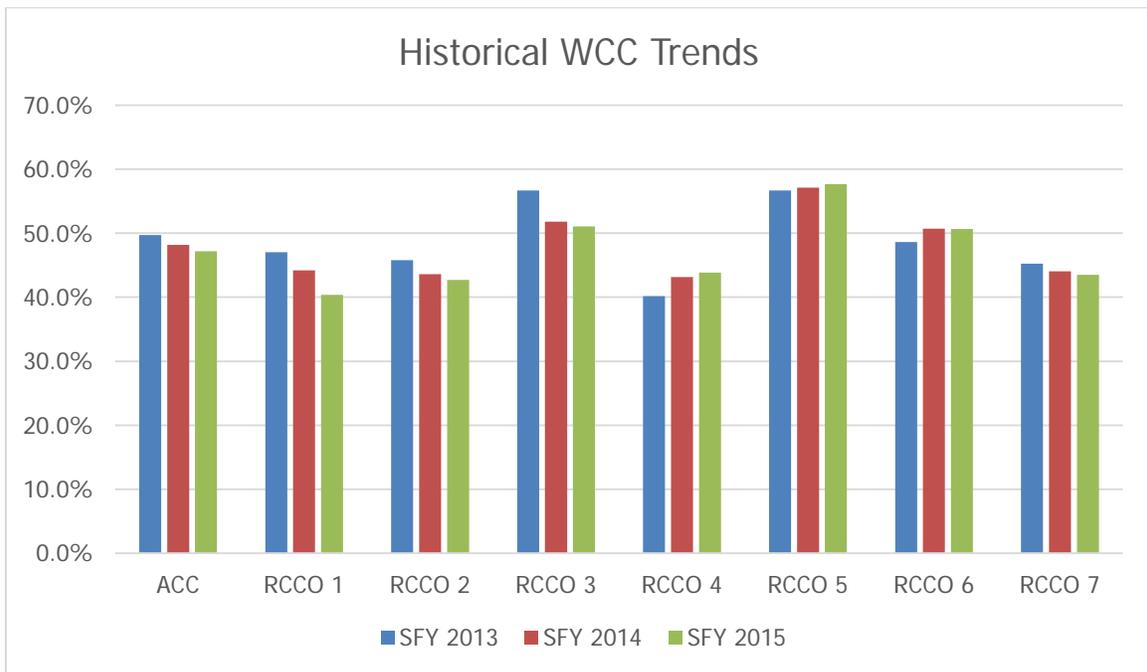
Table 3. Historical WCC Rates

	SFY 2013	SFY 2014	SFY 2015
ACC	49.7%	48.2%	47.2%
RCCO 1	47.1%	44.2%	40.4%
RCCO 2	45.8%	43.6%	42.7%
RCCO 3	56.7%	51.8%	51.1%

RCCO 4	40.2%	43.1%	43.9%
RCCO 5	56.7%	57.1%	57.6%
RCCO 6	48.6%	50.7%	50.7%
RCCO 7	45.2%	44.1%	43.5%

Note: Data from historical SDAC Reports.

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