

- TennCare enrollment rates, defined as the number enrolled in TennCare per 100 population in 1997, ranged from a low of 7.4% in Williamson County to a high of 47% in Scott and Fentress Counties. Statewide, 23% of the population was enrolled in TennCare, with approximately the same enrollment for both metropolitan (22%) and nonmetropolitan regions (23%). The highest TennCare enrollment rates were in Southwest Tennessee (27%); the lowest were in Mid-Cumberland (15%). In metropolitan regions, Shelby had the highest (27%) and Knox the lowest (18%) enrollment rates.
- Tennessee had an average TennCare primary care provider to population ratio of 1:674 with a ratio of 1:365 for metropolitan regions and 1:1,419 for rural regions as of February 1998.
- Grainger County had the highest population per TennCare provider at 4,622,<sup>30</sup> followed by Morgan (3,964), Henderson (3,346) and Giles (3,240). The most favorable or lowest population to TennCare provider ratios were in the four metropolitan counties topped by Davidson at 257, followed by Knox at 291, Hamilton at 355 and Shelby at 508.
- As of December 1997, the two MCO's with the largest share of TennCare eligibles were Blue Care (35%) and Access Med Plus (24%). No other MCO had more than a 9% share.<sup>31</sup>
- TennCare eligibles consisted of 3 main categories -- infants and children under 14 (32%), adults 14-44 (32%), and the blind and disabled (14%). Seven percent were ages 45-64; and 1% was 65 and over. Another 14% were dual eligibles enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid.
- Among TennCare enrollees, as of December, 1997, 31% were uninsured/uninsurable and 69% were enrolled through Medicaid.
- Medicaid enrollees in TennCare as of December 1997 were much more likely to be children aged 1-13, Medicaid/Medicare recipients with dual coverage or blind or otherwise disabled persons. Uninsured/uninsurable TennCare enrollees were much more likely to be males aged 14-44 and adults of both sexes aged 45-64.

Source: Health Access Plan Update, 1998: The Blue Book. TDH, July, 1998. Bureau of TennCare, TDH, July 1998.

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<sup>30</sup>Moore County had a population to TennCare provider ratio of 9,510. However, this county was part of a larger Rural Health Service Area, which has a lower ratio.

<sup>31</sup>Around December, 1997, the merger of Phoenix and HealthNet put the combined total at 13%.