

Getting Ready Report Cards Addendum
Health Check (Medicaid) Data
as of November 3, 2008

In October 2008, Durham’s Partnership for Children released two publications: *Getting Ready: Indicators of School Readiness in Durham County, A School Readiness Report Card* and *Getting Ready: Indicators of Health in Durham County, A Report Card on Young Children’s Health*, as a first step in pulling together existing data to examine the important indicators related to school readiness and the health of young children in Durham County.

In each of the Report Cards, North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (NC DMA) data was used to describe the children enrolled in Medicaid Health Check. The Health Check data highlighted is the Health Check Participation Data for Durham County, a publication released annually by NC DMA. This data set is used statewide by the North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) as a performance indicator of children enrolled in Health Check and receiving regular well-child check-ups.

We originally highlighted in the Report Cards that there were 13,130 children birth-5 enrolled in Medicaid and 3,589 infants (under the age of 1) enrolled in Medicaid in Durham. After publication of the Report Cards, it came to our attention that there are discrepancies between local data about children enrolled in Medicaid Health Check provided by Durham County Department of Social Services and the NC DMA Health Check data for Durham County. The table below provides the data that we have to date regarding children birth-four enrolled in Medicaid Health Check in Durham County.

Durham children birth-five enrolled in Medicaid Health Check: FY 06/07			
	Data Source		
	Durham County DSS ¹	NC DMA Health Check Participation Durham County ²	EDS Report ³
Number of infants in Durham (under the age of 1) enrolled in Medicaid	2,044	3,589	2,357
Number of children birth - 4 in Durham enrolled in Medicaid	7,843	11,400	7,357

Partnership staff has been in contact with Durham County DSS, NCPC, and NC DMA staff to further examine these discrepancies. We will post any additional or revised data that we receive on our web site if it becomes available.

¹ Data provided by Durham County Department of Social Services (DSS) is point in time data as of July 1, 2007. The DSS office is the entry point for all Health Check (Medicaid) enrollments for the county. DSS source: Children 0 and 0-4 enrolled in Medicaid: Open Eligible by Age Groupings, Race and Sex (EJ032-MO Pull Check Universe June 2008 - # eligible after pull check June 2006 – 4 days from the last working day of the month)

² Health Check Participation Data is published annually by the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (NC DMA) for all counties in North Carolina. This data is Fiscal Year 06/07 data.

³ Electronic Data Systems (EDS) is the fiscal agent for North Carolina’s Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). A query of the infants and children under age 4 enrolled in Health Check (Medicaid) in Durham County for FY 06/07 was requested by DMA on October 27th, 2008.