

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

Easy-to-access data on Medicaid are available on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured Web site at <http://www.kff.org/>. The site offers state fact sheets and an interactive database that allow you to conduct queries on Medicaid benefits using survey data from 2003 and 2004. Not only are data available for Nevada, but also for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Territories.

For state fact sheets click on <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/cgi-bin/healthfacts.cgi>, which directs you to a page that displays a map of the U.S. By clicking on the state of Nevada you will have access to an array of Medicaid-benefit information including, for example, total Medicaid spending for 2004. Another click brings up a table that shows Nevada spent \$1,039,817,037 in FY2004 and the U.S. spent \$288,063,273,817. You're also given the option of comparing Nevada to another state (i.e., Arizona spent \$4,937 million in FY 2004) and to view "state lows and highs" (i.e., Wyoming spent \$370 million for a low and New York spent \$41,631 million for a high). Although the site states that the data are updated regularly, the number of children enrolled in Medicaid is for 2001.

The Medicaid Benefits Online Database is available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/benefits/index.jsp>. This site's page features a U.S. map. Again you're given the option of selecting a state. Data on either acute care (with seven subcategories) or long-term care (with two subcategories) are available. Specifically, for each type of care you can find: (1) benefits covered, (2) copayment requirements, (3) prior-approval requirements, (4) coverage limitations, (5) reimbursement methodology, and (6) populations covered. State-by-state comparisons are also possible. The data can also be regrouped by region, meaning that Nevada would be listed with other western states.

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