

Welfare Reform Reauthorization: A Focus on the Health Issues

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Welfare, Work and Health Care:

A Look at Transitions and Their Effect on Access to Care

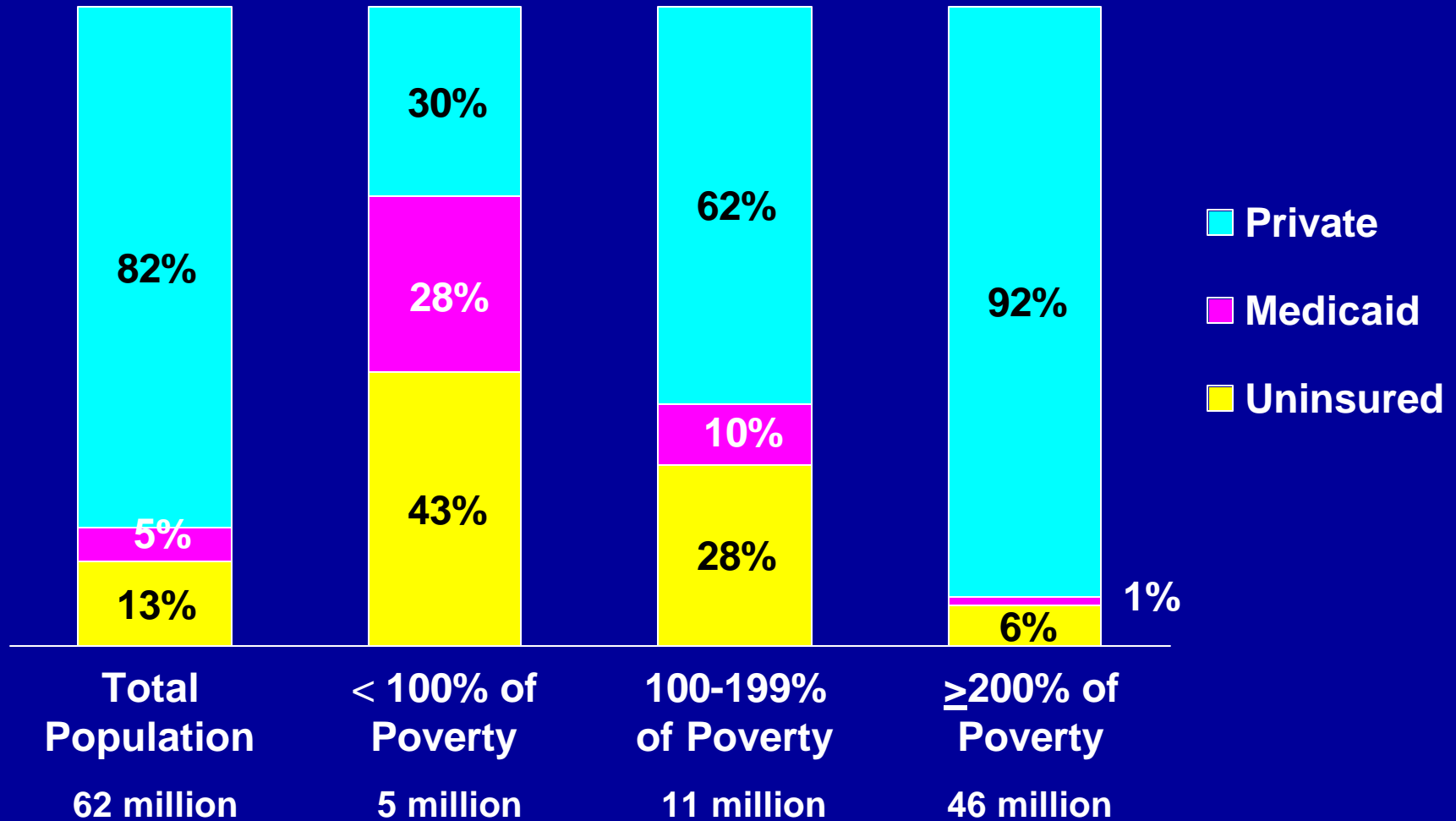
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Figure 1

Health Insurance Coverage of Working Parents, by Income, 2000

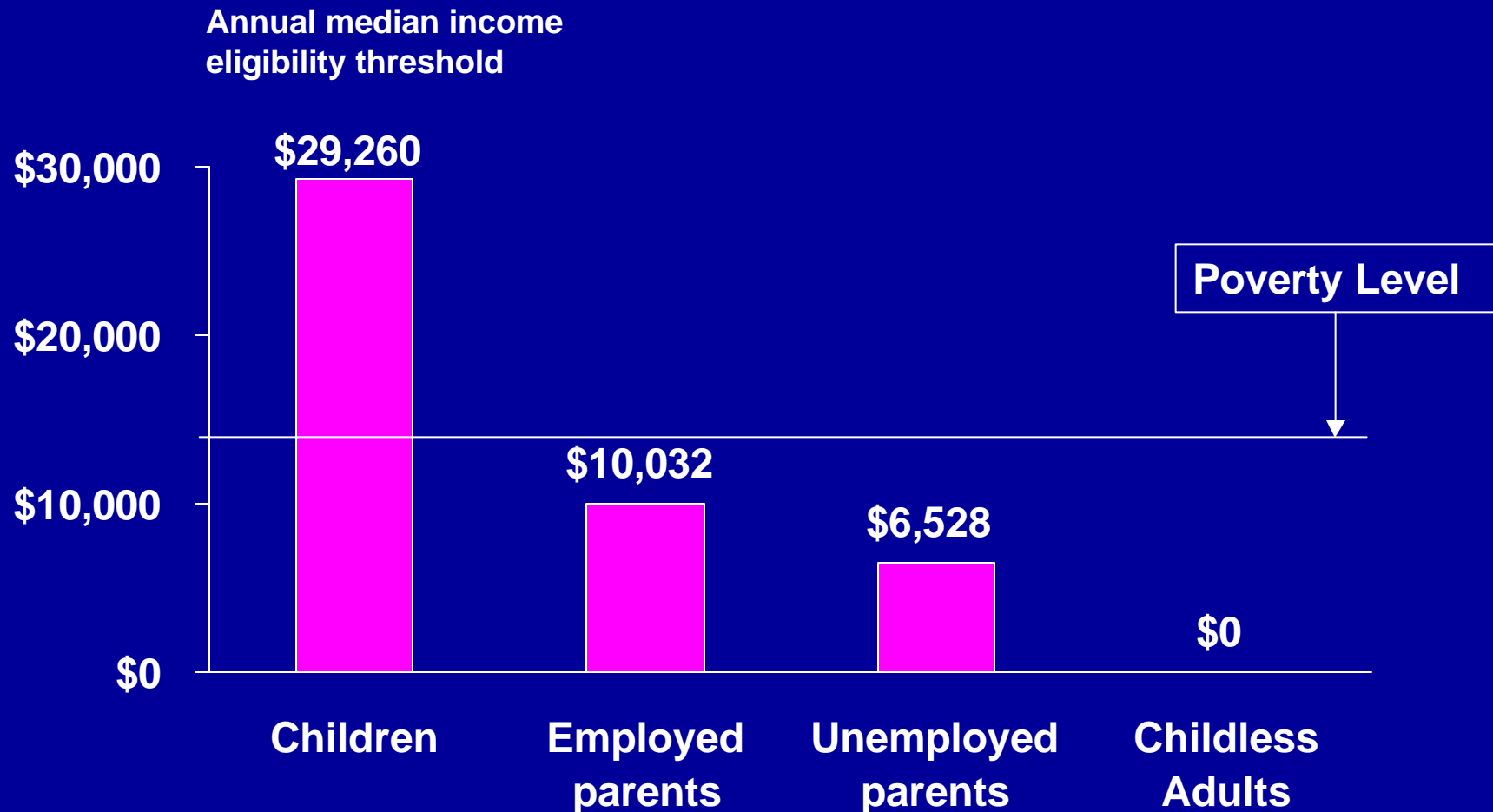


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SOURCE: Kaiser Commission and Urban Institute estimates based on the March 2001 **Medicaid and the Uninsured** Current Population Survey, 2002. Verified CPS estimates.

Figure 2

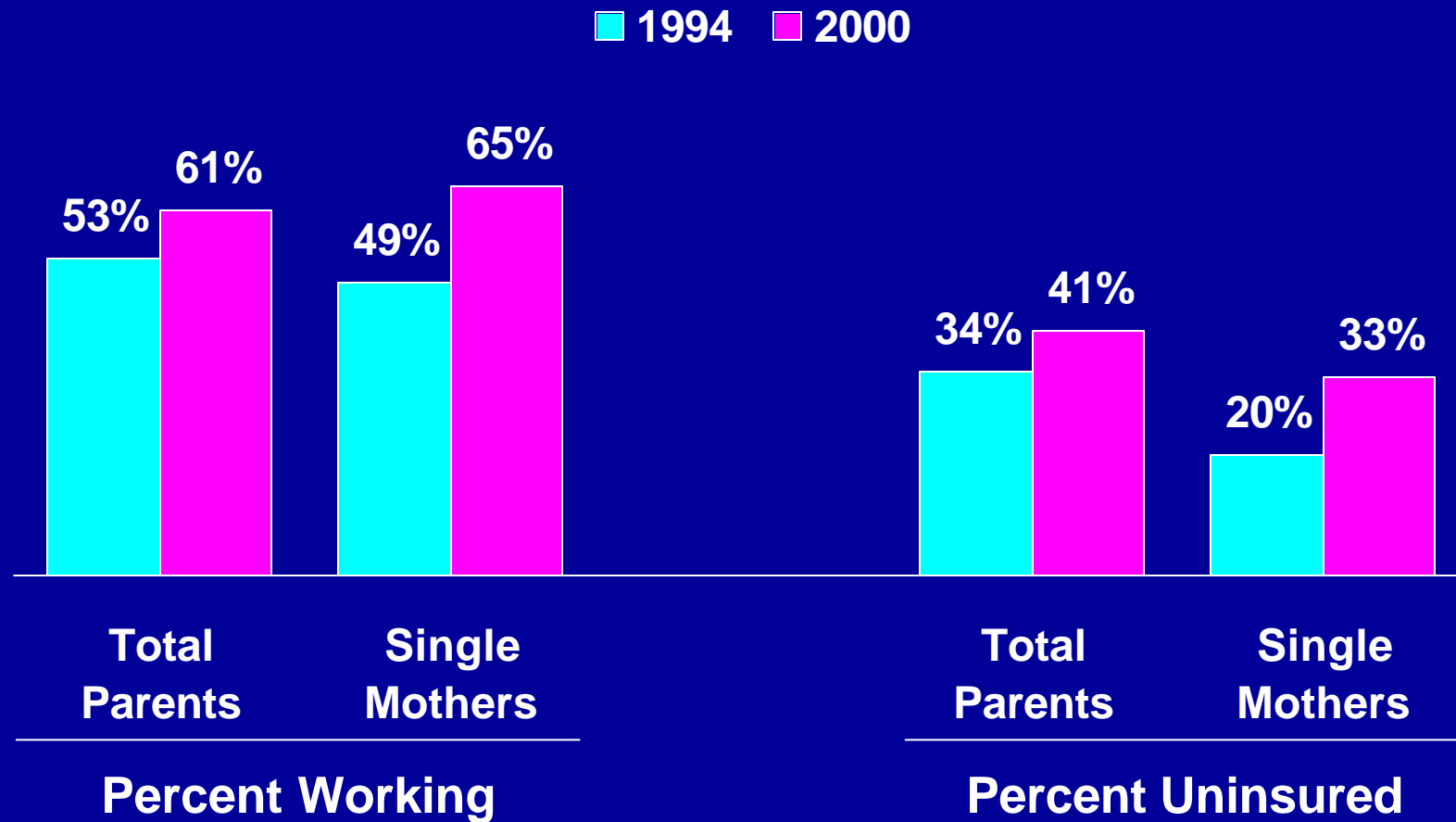
Income Eligibility Thresholds for Parents versus Children under Medicaid and SCHIP, June 2001



Note: Based on a family of three. The eligibility threshold for working parents takes into account states' earnings disregard policies, while the threshold for children does not. K A I S E R C O M M I S S I O N O N
SOURCE:Guyer, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2002. Medicaid and the Uninsured

Figure 3

Trends in Employment and Health Coverage of Poor Parents, 1994-2000

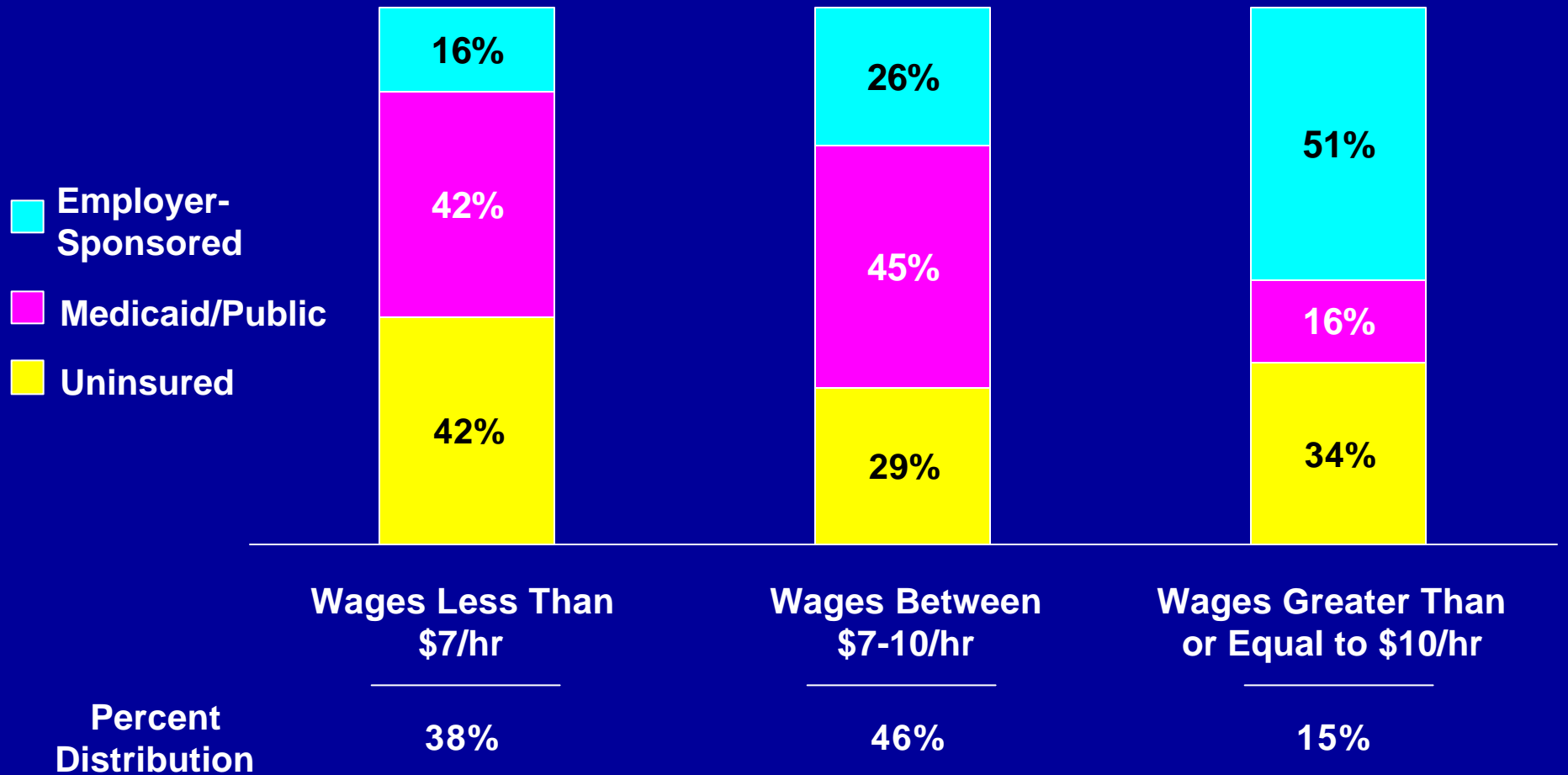


SOURCE: Kaiser Commission and Urban Institute estimates based on the March Current Population Survey, 1995-2001. Unverified CPS estimates.

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Figure 4

Health Insurance Coverage of Women Who Recently Left Welfare, by Hourly Wage, 1999

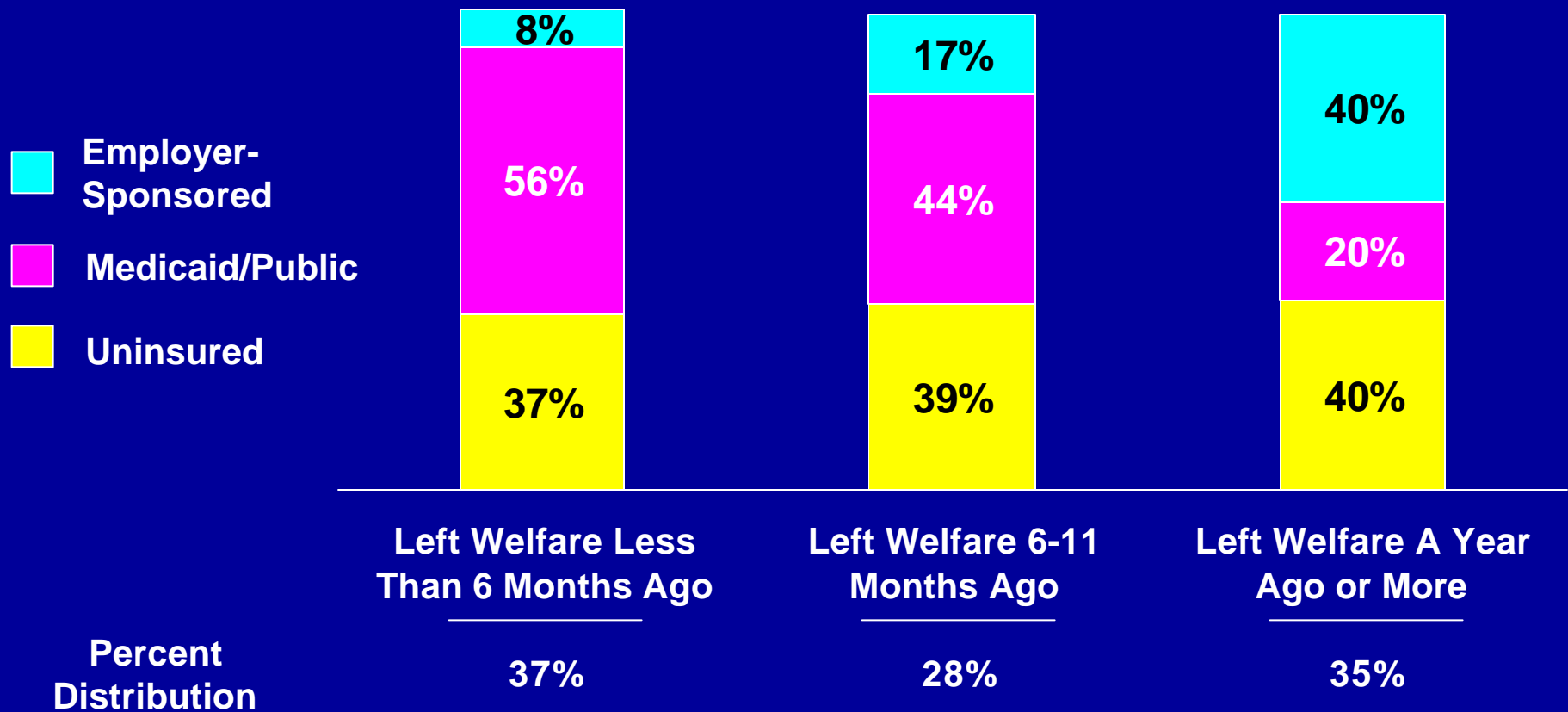


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Figure 5

Health Insurance Coverage of Women Who Recently Left Welfare, by Months Since Leaving Welfare, 1999



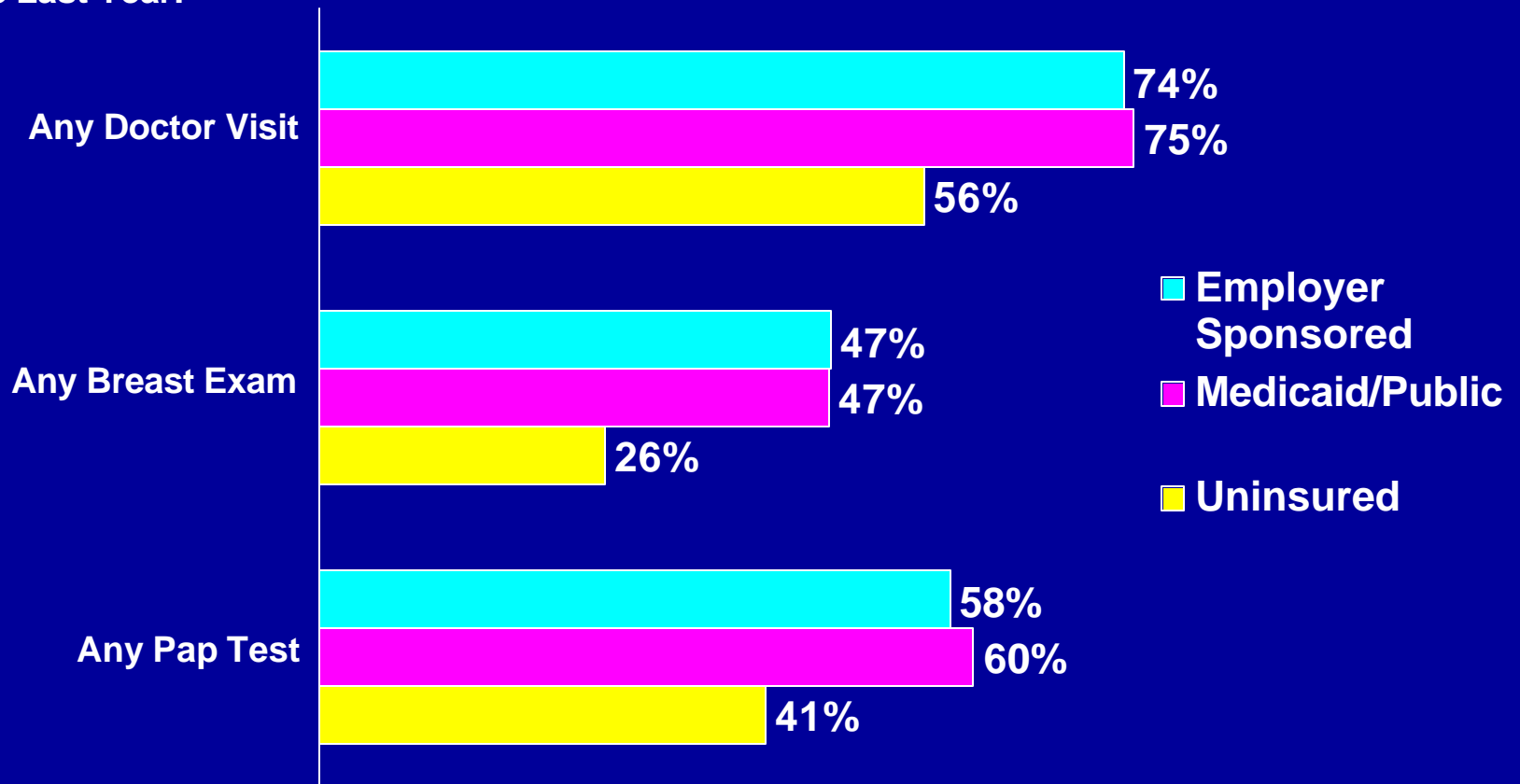
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Figure 6

Use of Health Care for Women Who Recently Left Welfare, by Health Insurance Coverage, 1999

Percent of Women Reporting Use in the Last Year:

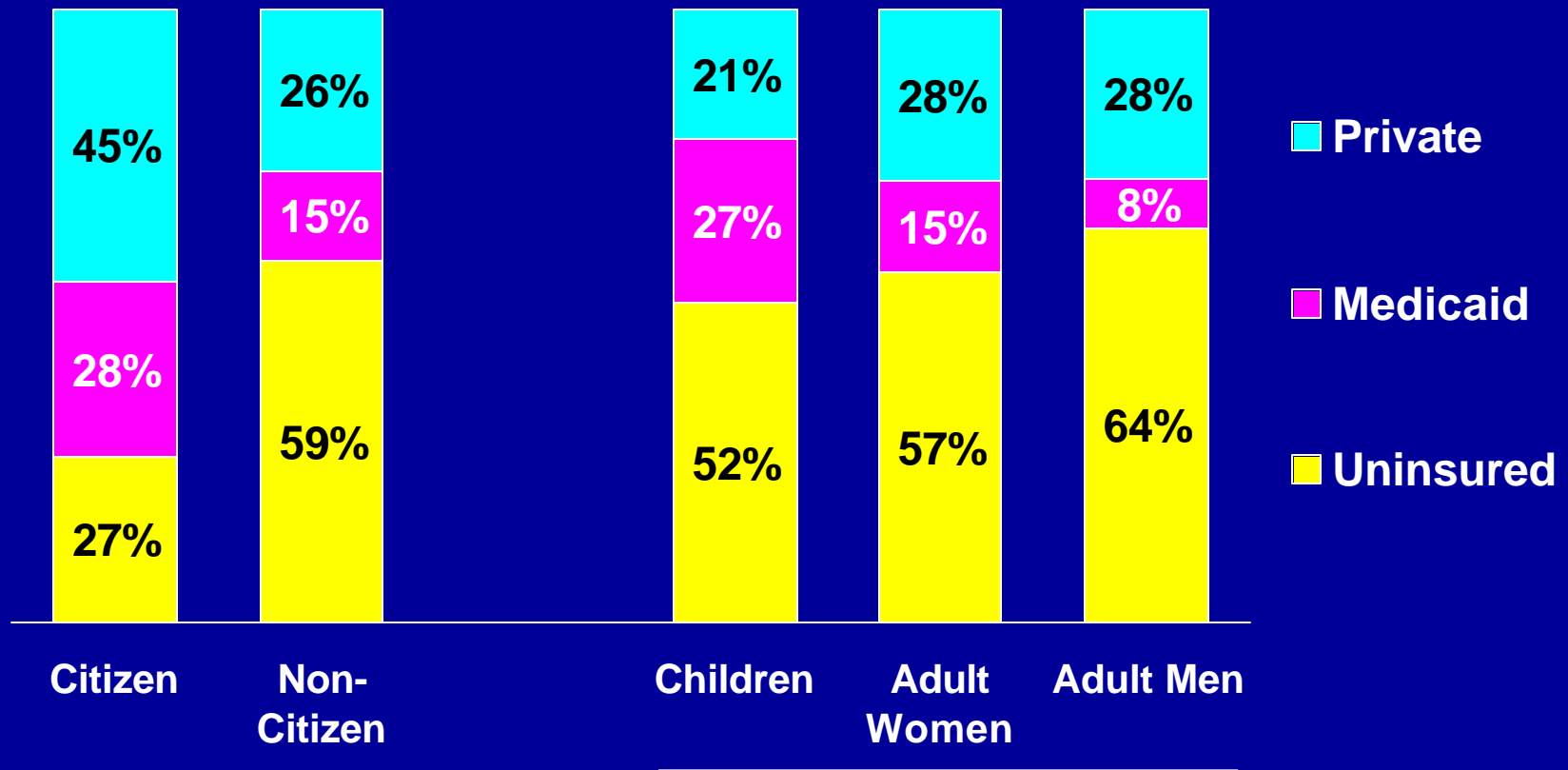


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Figure 7

Health Insurance Coverage of the Low-Income Population by Citizenship Status, 2000



Total #
in group
(millions):

70.0

9.4

1.9

3.8

3.7

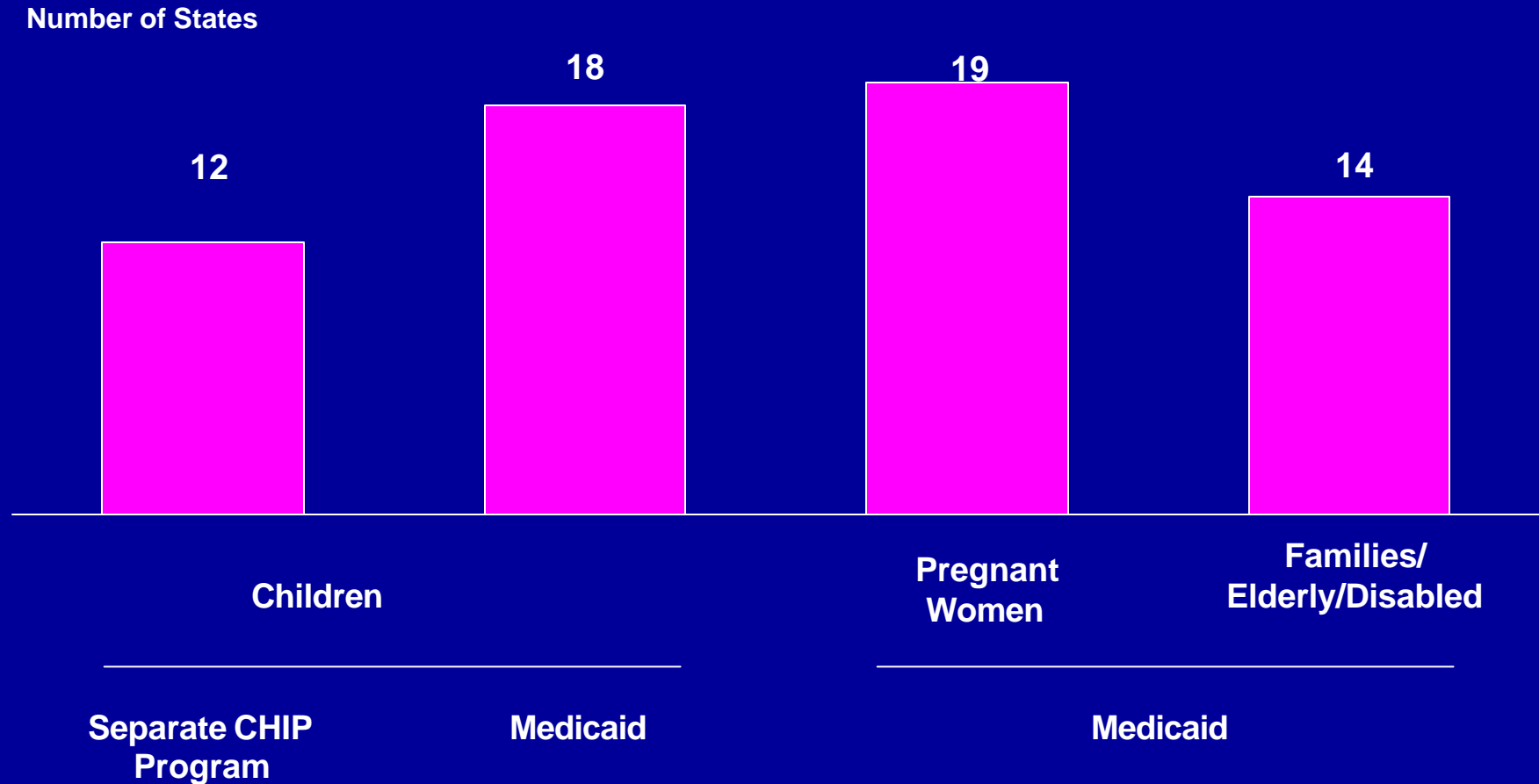
Non-Citizens

Note: Low-income is less than 200% of poverty. Incomes less than 200% of federal poverty level would be less than \$27,476 for a family of three in 2000. Includes non-elderly only. SOURCE: Urban Institute estimates based on March 2000 CPS data prepared for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

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Figure 8

State-Only Funding of Legal Immigrants arriving after August 22, 1996

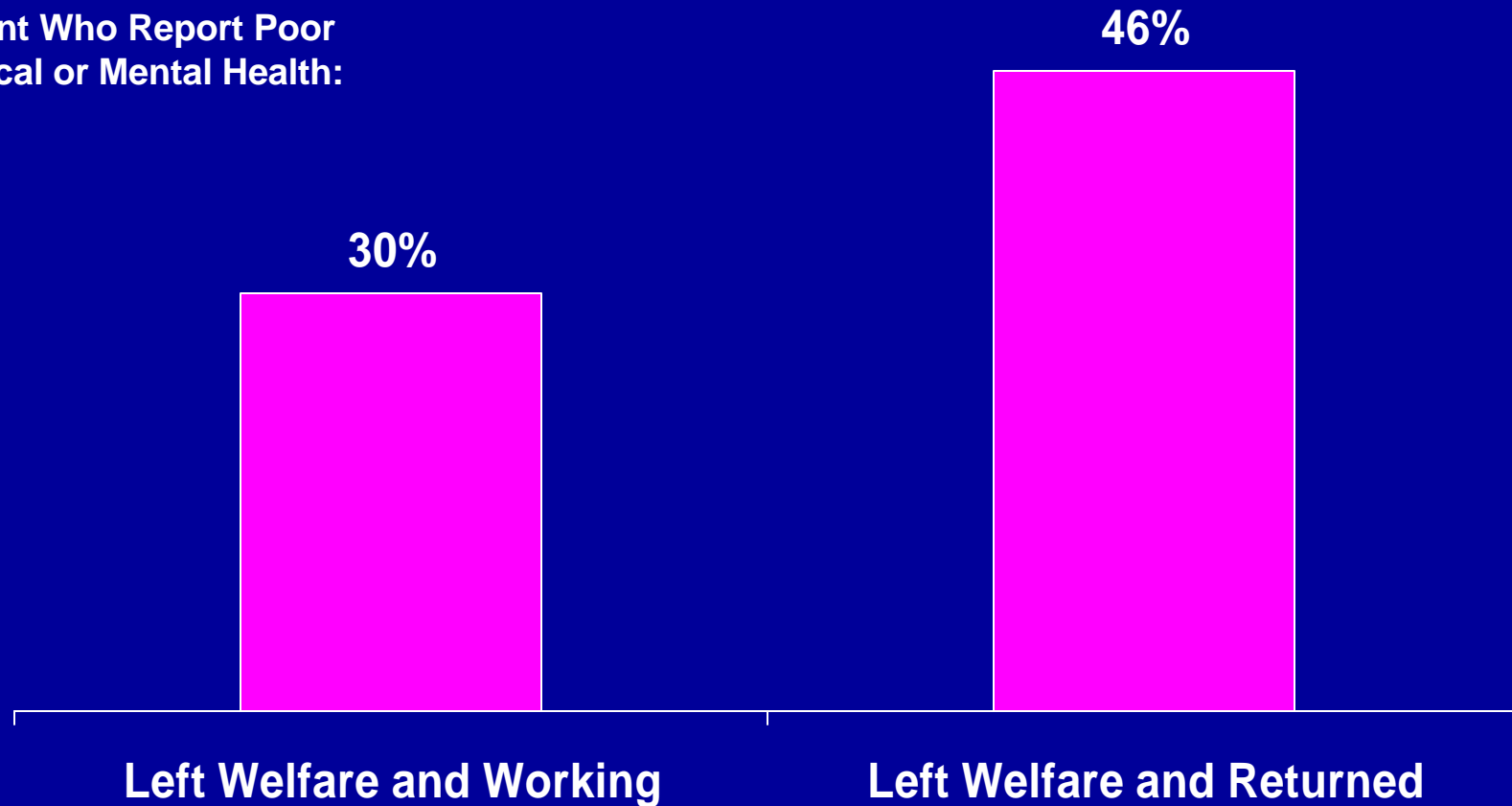


Note: State policies as of May 2002. Data from the National Immigration Law Center, [KAISER COMMISSION ON](#)
SOURCE: Chin et al, for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2002. **Medicaid and the Uninsured**

Figure 9

Poor Health and the Ability to Work and Not Return to Welfare

Percent Who Report Poor Physical or Mental Health:



DATA: National Survey of America's Families, 1999.
SOURCE: Loprest, 2002.

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Figure 10

Welfare Reform and Disability

- Significant number of TANF beneficiaries have disabilities or other medical conditions that affect their ability to work; others are the main caregiver for their children with disabilities.
- Many states do not exempt individuals with disabilities, or those who care for them, from work requirements or time limits.
- Lack of adequate childcare slots for children with moderate to severe disabilities creates additional challenges.
- For individuals with disabilities, Medicaid does not have the pre-existing conditions, high cost-sharing, and less comprehensive benefit packages often found in private health insurance coverage.

Policy Issues

- Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA)
- Coverage of immigrants
- Exemptions for health conditions for parents and children
- Health coverage implications