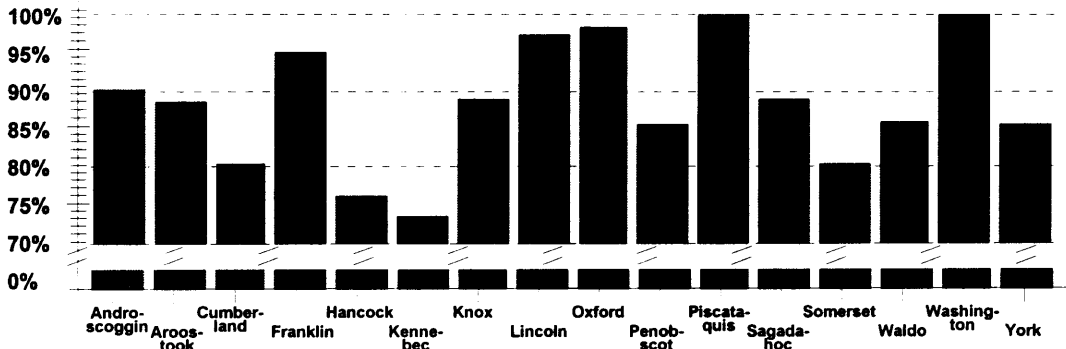


# MAINE PHYSICIANS and MEDICAID - 1996

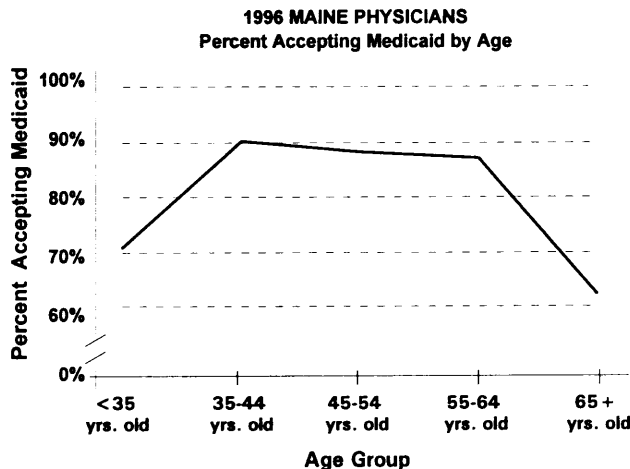
(preliminary data)

- ➔ Of the 2,423 physicians who reported working in Maine in 1996, 2,027 (84%) reported that they accepted Medicaid payment for services - 83% of actively practicing allopathic physicians (MDs) and 88% of actively practicing osteopathic physicians (DOs).

PERCENT PHYSICIANS ACCEPTING MEDICAID PAYMENT  
Maine Counties: 1996



- ➔ Nearly 90% of all hospital-based physicians accepted Medicaid payment for their services.
- ➔ Whether or not physicians accepted Medicaid payment was correlated with physician age - almost 90% of physicians 35 - 64 years old accepted Medicaid payment while 65% of physicians younger than age 35 or older than age 64 did.
- ➔ 88% of non-primary care specialists accepted Medicaid payment while 82% of primary care physicians did.
- ➔ Although more than 2,000 Maine physicians accepted Medicaid payment for their services in 1996, 20% of them limited the volume of Medicaid patients which they served in their practice; approximately 10% of non-primary care specialist physicians limited their practices while nearly a third (32%) of primary care practitioners did.
- ➔ 460 Maine physicians (19%) reported that they were not accepting new Medicaid patients into their practice.



Note: Primary care physicians are licensed, actively practicing MDs and DOs who reported a primary specialty of general practice, family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, obstetrics and gynecology, or internal medicine.

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