

Welcome to the *2015 Blueprint Spoke Regional Profile* of the Vermont Hub & Spoke Program, which provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to Vermonters with opioid use disorder (OUD). The Blueprint for Health, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Health Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, offers this statewide view of the program.

The *Hub & Spoke Program* is a systematic treatment response to the opioid epidemic in Vermont. This program enhances the provision of MAT by adding new health care staff to both *Hub* designated providers and the *Spokes* to provide Health Home (HH) services. These new staff link OUD treatment with Blueprint primary care practices and community health teams to provide care that is evidence based and integrated.

The *Spoke Regional Profiles* provide comparative measurement to inform quality improvement at local and statewide levels. *Spokes* are organized through the Blueprint for Health's statewide network of Patient-Centered Medical Homes and Community Health Teams.

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*Blueprint Spoke Regional Profiles* are based on data from Vermont's all-payer claims database (VHCURES) and the Vermont Clinical Registry. The population in this profile is Medicaid beneficiaries 18-64 years with OUD who received treatment in a Spoke in 2015. *Spoke* practices have been combined to the Blueprint Hospital Service Area level.

The measure results in the profile have not been risk adjusted unless specifically noted. Cells with fewer than eleven members are not reported consistent with Medicare guidelines.

## Demographics & Health Status

	Spoke	Non-MAT Opioid Addicted	Medicaid Statewide
Average Members	2,600	1,379	72,874
Average Age	33.2	35.5	38.1
% Female	53.5	49.3	56.7
% Maternity	8.4	3.2	3.6
% with Selected Chronic Conditions	51.5	59.2	35.2
% CRG Significant Chronic	46.1	47.3	21.8
% Depression	37.6	43.9	16.9
% Hepatitis C	13.2	12.0	2.3
% ADD	17.6	15.3	5.5
% Asthma	18.4	20.2	12.0
% Mental Health (Non-Substance Use)	75.2	81.4	40.7
% Other Substance Use	62.7	66.3	12.5
% Tobacco Dependence	63.9	64.3	23.1

**Table 1:** This table provides comparative information on the demographics and health status of all Medicaid members of the Spoke program. For comparison, it also includes demographic and health status information for Medicaid beneficiaries with OUD who did not receive treatment in either a Hub or Spoke in 2015. For context, the table also provides for the general Medicaid population statewide.

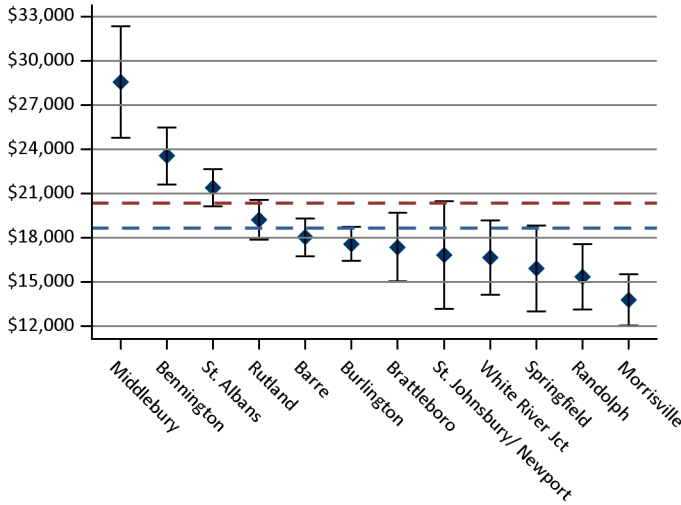
Average Members serves as this table's denominator and adjusts for partial lengths of Medicaid enrollment during the year. Average membership is calculated as the proportion of the measurement year that an individual is covered by Medicaid. Denominator populations vary across the three MAT profiles due to differences in attribution (please see the attribution section of related methods documentation).\*

The Selected Chronic Conditions measure indicates the proportion of members identified through the claims data as having one or more of seven selected chronic conditions: asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and depression. Additional chronic conditions were included as separate lines in this table because they were prominent in this cohort.

The Health Status (CRG) measure aggregates 3M™ Clinical Risk Grouper (CRG) classifications for the year for the purpose of generating adjusted rates. Aggregated risk classification groups include: Healthy, Acute (e.g., ear, nose, throat infection) or Minor Chronic (e.g., minor chronic joint pain), Moderate Chronic (e.g., diabetes), Significant Chronic (e.g., diabetes and congestive heart failure), and Cancer (e.g., breast cancer, colorectal cancer) or Catastrophic (e.g., HIV, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis). Since most members fall into the chronic category with a detail CRG indicating OUD, we distinguish the less healthy population as having a CRG aggregate category of significant chronic or higher.

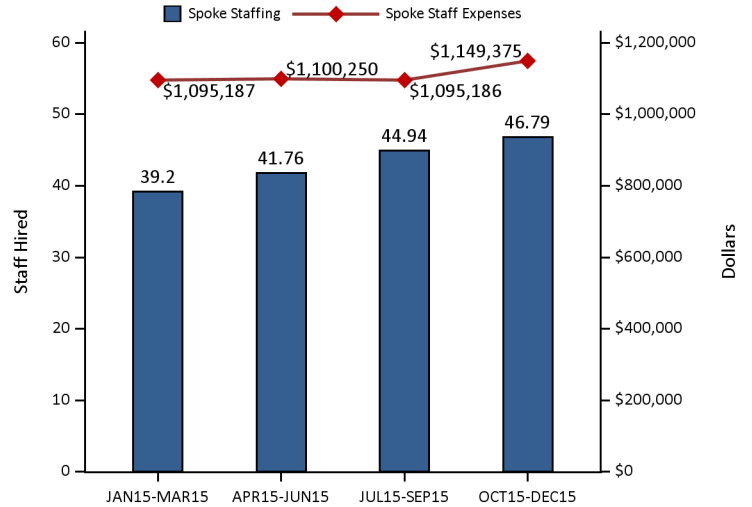
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**Total Expenditures per Capita**



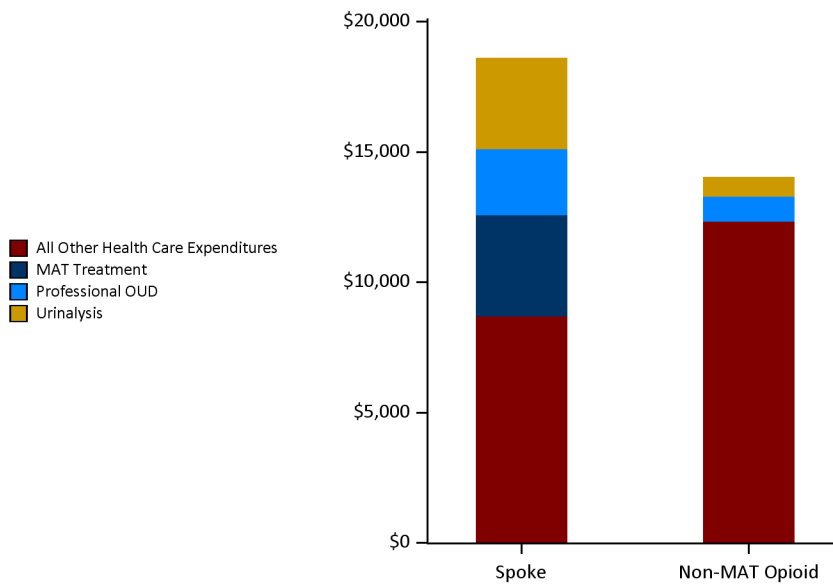
**Figure 1:** Presents annual crude rates, including 95% confidence intervals, with expenditures capped statewide for outlier patients. Expenditures include all health care claims paid by Medicaid. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average. The red line indicates the Spoke statewide average plus non-claims expenditures for Spoke staff per capita (see Figure 2).

**Total Spoke Staff Expenditures**



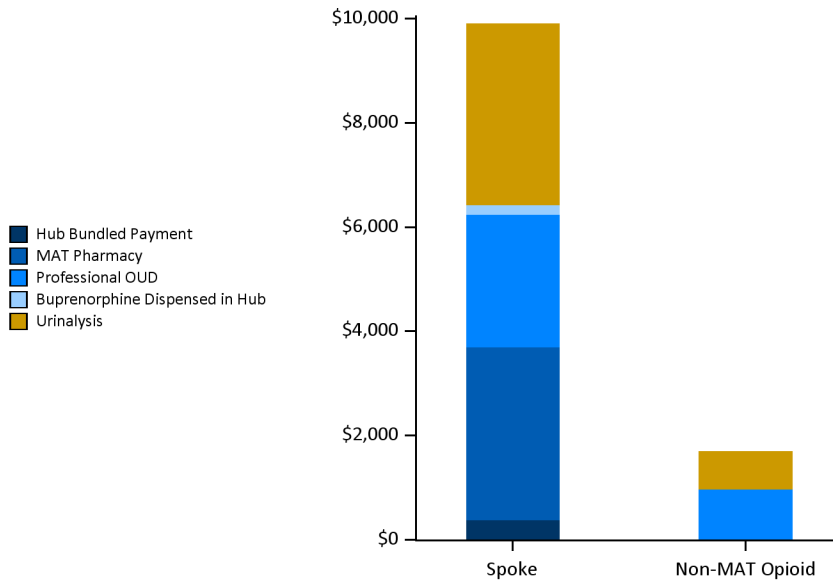
**Figure 2:** Presents trends for Spoke staffing expenditures and spoke staffing counts for each quarter within the measurement year.

**Total MAT & Non-MAT Expenditures**



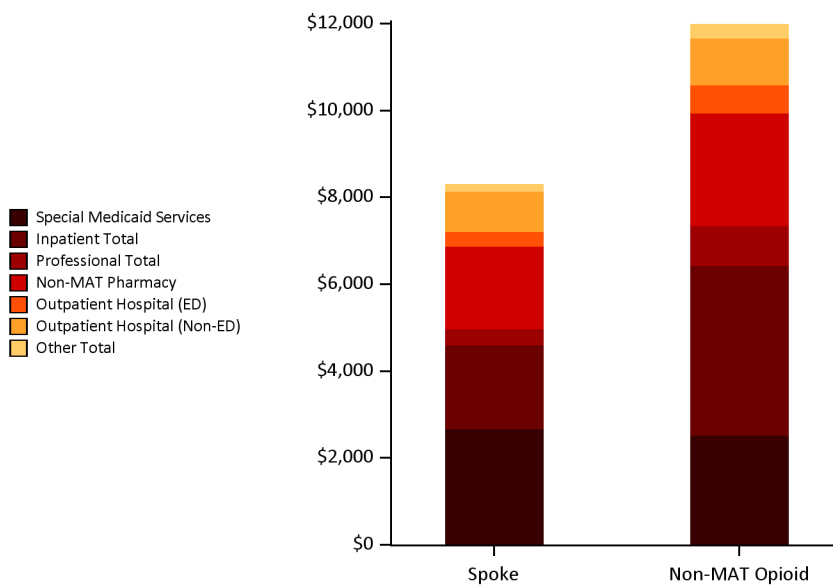
**Figure 3:** Presents annual crude rates for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) expenditures, Non-MAT expenditures, Professional Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) expenditures, and Urinalysis expenditures with expenditures capped statewide for outlier patients.

**Total MAT Expenditures per Capita by Treatment Category**



*Figure 4: Presents annual crude rates for the major components of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) expenditures as well as Urinalysis expenditures with expenditures capped statewide for outlier patients.*

**All Other Health Care Expenditures per Capita by Major Category**



*Figure 5: Presents annual crude rates for the major expenditure categories for health and OUD care with expenditures capped statewide for outlier patients. Special Medicaid Services are services that commercial insurance often does not cover (e.g. transportation, special school services, residential treatment, etc.) and are reported separately.*

**Inpatient Discharges\***

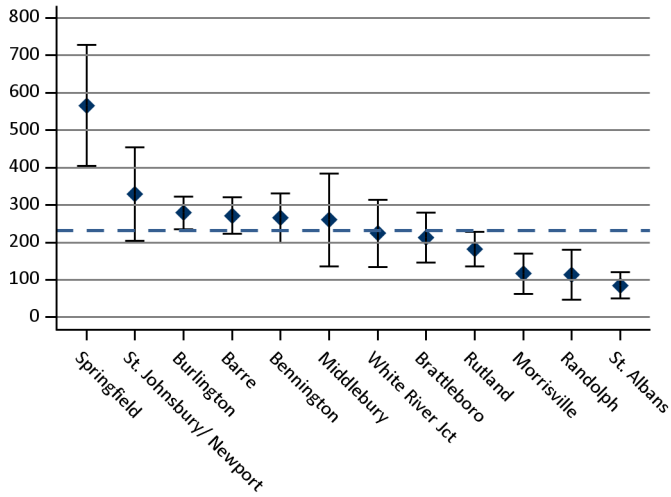


Figure 6: Presents annual crude rates, including 95% confidence intervals, of inpatient discharges per 1,000 members. The blue dashed line indicates the statewide Spoke average.

**Outpatient ED Visits\***

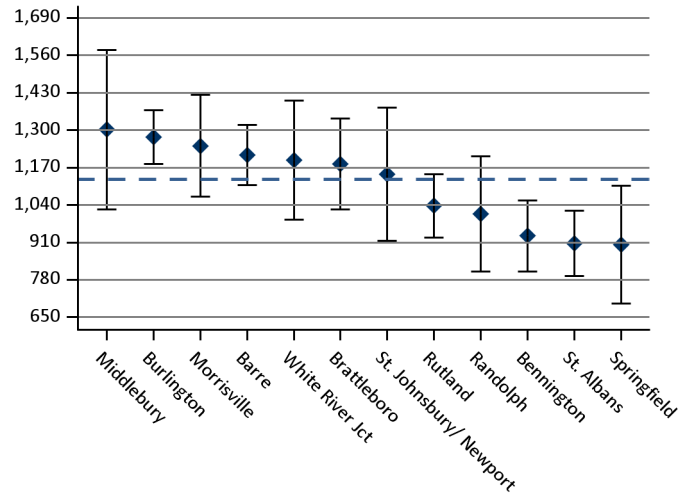


Figure 7: Presents annual crude rates, including 95% confidence intervals, of outpatient emergency department (ED) visits per 1,000 members. The blue dashed line indicates the statewide Spoke average.

**Advanced Imaging (MRIs, CT Scans)**

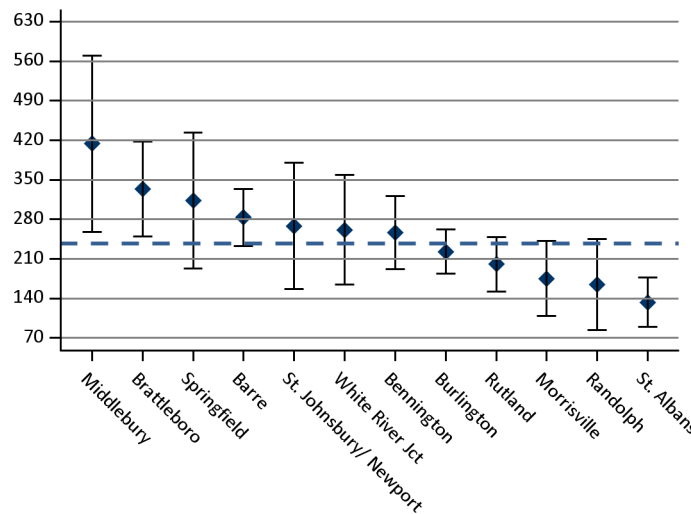
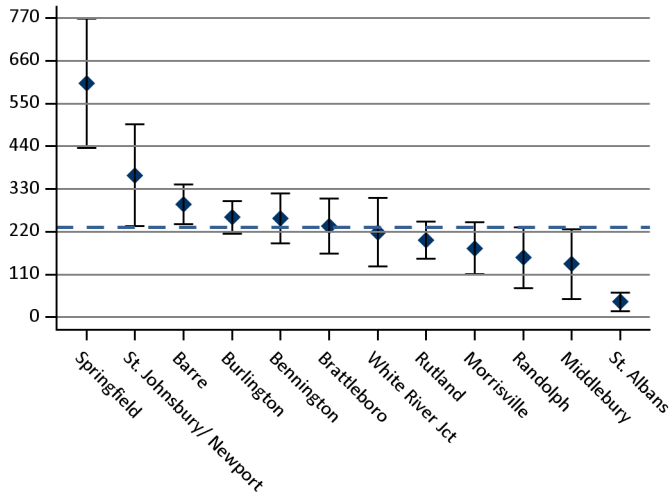


Figure 8: Presents annual crude rates, including 95% confidence intervals, of advanced imaging diagnostic tests (i.e., magnetic resonance imagings (MRIs) and computed tomography (CT) scans) per 1,000 members. The blue dashed line indicates the statewide Spoke average.

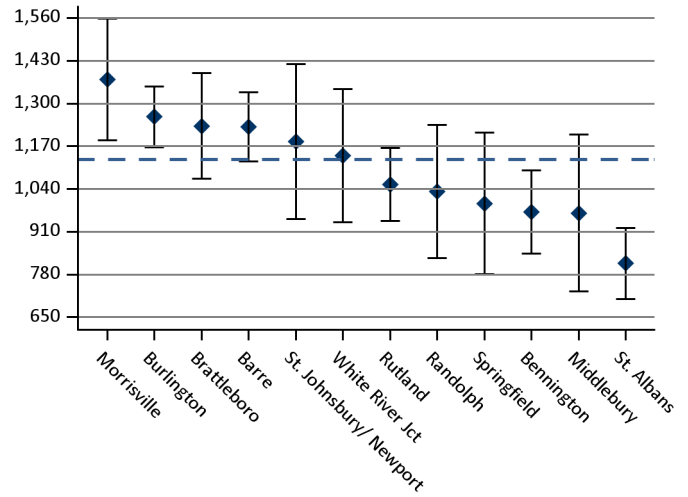
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**Risk-Adjusted Inpatient Discharges**



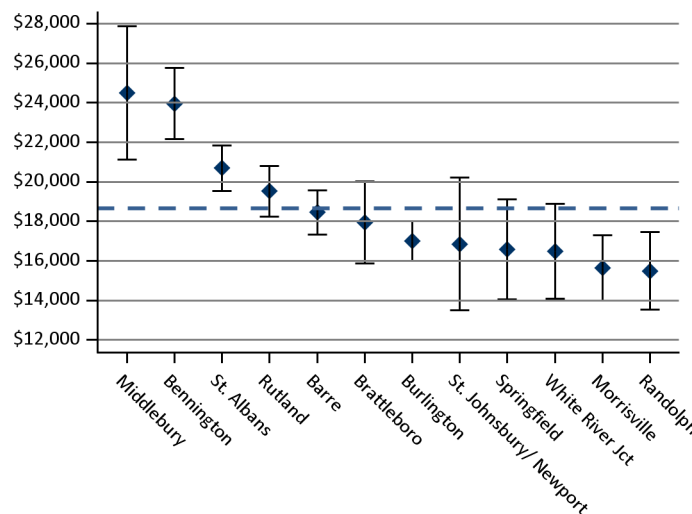
**Figure 9:** Presents annual risk-adjusted rates, including 95% confidence intervals, of inpatient discharges per 1,000 members. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Risk-Adjusted Outpatient ED Visits**



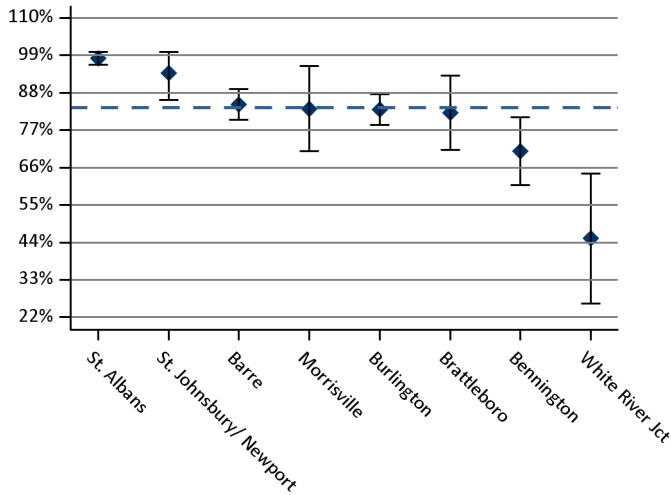
**Figure 10:** Presents annual risk-adjusted rates, including 95% confidence intervals, of outpatient emergency department (ED) visits per 1,000 members. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Risk-Adjusted Total Expenditures per Capita**



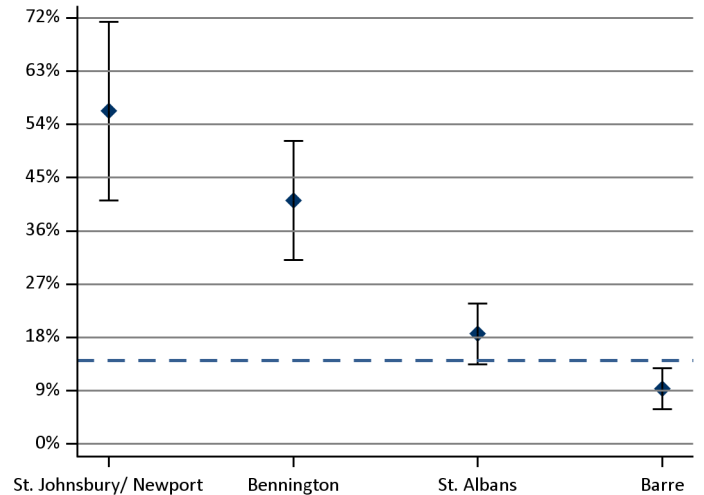
**Figure 11:** Presents annual risk-adjusted rates, including 95% confidence intervals, with expenditures capped statewide for outlier patients. Expenditures include all health care claims paid by Medicaid. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Adult Body Mass Index Assessment\***



**Figure 12:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled members with an outpatient visit whose body mass index (BMI) was documented during the measurement year or the year prior. This figure includes only practices providing clinical data to the Vermont Clinical Registry. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Screening for Clinical Depression\***



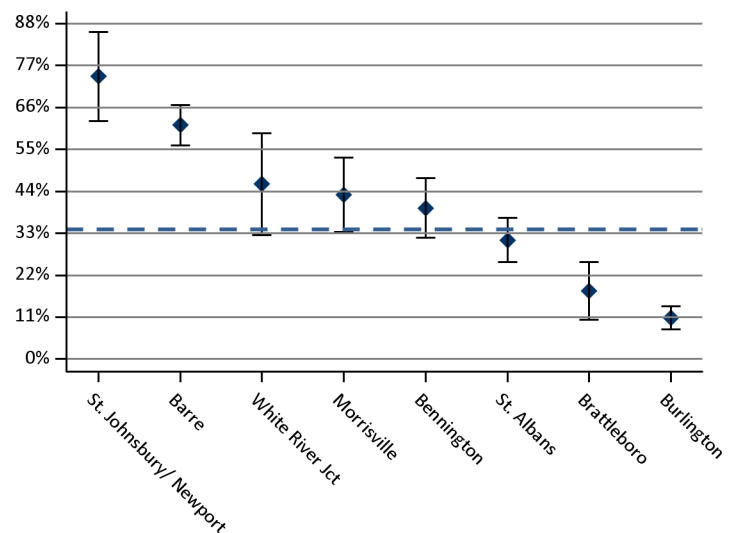
**Figure 13:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled members that were screened for clinical depression on the date of encounter using an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool. This figure includes only practices providing clinical data to the Vermont Clinical Registry. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Controlling High Blood Pressure\***

Too few records in clinical registry

**Figure 14:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled members with hypertension that had controlled blood pressure (<140/90 mmHg) during the measurement year. This figure includes only practices providing clinical data to the Vermont Clinical Registry. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Tobacco Use Screening\***



**Figure 15:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled members that were screened for tobacco use one or more times within a two-year lookback period and that received cessation counseling intervention. This figure includes only practices providing clinical data to the Vermont Clinical Registry. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

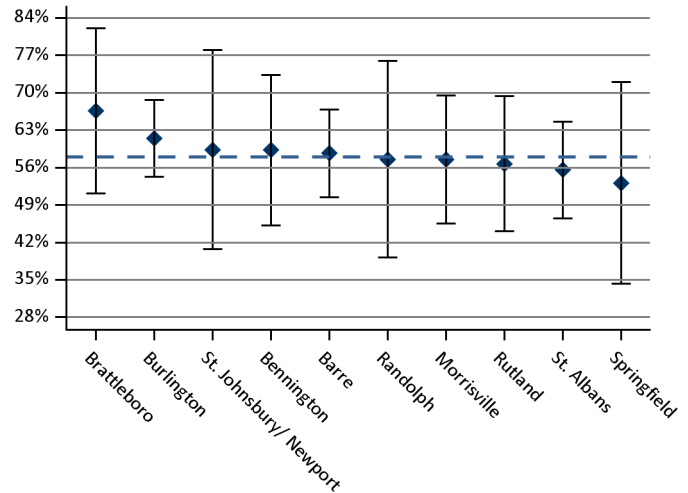
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**Breast Cancer Screening\***

*Too few women served in this age range*

**Figure 16:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled female members, ages 52–64 years, who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer during the measurement year or year prior to the measurement year. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Cervical Cancer Screening\***



**Figure 17:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled female members either (a) ages 21–64 years who received one or more Papanicolaou (Pap) tests to screen for cervical cancer during the measurement year or two years prior to the measurement year or (b) ages 30–64 years who received one or more Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer during the measurement year or four years prior to the measurement year. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average.

**Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness\***

*Too few index events*

**Figure 18:** Presents the proportion, including 95% confidence intervals, of continuously enrolled members, ages 18 years and older, hospitalized for mental illness with an intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner and a follow-up visit within seven days of discharge. The blue dashed line indicates the Spoke statewide average. Note: If follow-up was provided at a Hub or by Spoke staff, no separate claim would be generated to be counted in this measure.

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The following tables provide greater detail on the annual crude rates presented in the preceding figures.

**Table 2. Expenditure Measures (Crude)**

Measure	Spoke			Non-MAT Opioid Addicted			Statewide Medicaid		
	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL
Total	\$18,644	\$18,119	\$19,170	\$14,085	\$13,075	\$15,094	\$7,322	\$7,225	\$7,420
Inpatient Total	\$1,931	\$1,687	\$2,176	\$3,898	\$3,321	\$4,474	\$1,122	\$1,082	\$1,162
Inpatient Mental Health	\$501	\$375	\$627	\$1,153	\$879	\$1,426	\$182	\$166	\$197
Inpatient Maternity	\$499	\$413	\$585	\$165	\$97	\$233	\$211	\$201	\$221
Inpatient Surgical	\$377	\$256	\$498	\$1,090	\$749	\$1,432	\$379	\$353	\$405
Inpatient Medical	\$548	\$442	\$655	\$1,484	\$1,195	\$1,773	\$352	\$331	\$372
Outpatient Total	\$1,272	\$1,204	\$1,341	\$1,749	\$1,612	\$1,887	\$1,074	\$1,059	\$1,088
Outpatient Hospital Mental Health	\$220	\$203	\$237	\$145	\$123	\$166	\$42	\$41	\$44
Outpatient Hospital ED	\$351	\$323	\$378	\$643	\$584	\$702	\$261	\$256	\$265
Outpatient Hospital Surgery	\$170	\$140	\$199	\$287	\$228	\$346	\$248	\$241	\$255
Outpatient Hospital Radiology	\$69	\$52	\$86	\$182	\$127	\$236	\$155	\$147	\$162
Outpatient Hospital Laboratory	\$208	\$192	\$224	\$147	\$131	\$163	\$130	\$128	\$132
Outpatient Hospital Pharmacy	\$16	\$9	\$23	\$25	\$13	\$37	\$27	\$25	\$30
Outpatient Hospital Other	\$210	\$192	\$229	\$289	\$254	\$324	\$216	\$213	\$220
Professional Non-Mental Health Total	\$1,419	\$1,367	\$1,472	\$1,310	\$1,229	\$1,391	\$902	\$894	\$911
Professional Physician Total	\$1,085	\$1,043	\$1,128	\$838	\$778	\$897	\$535	\$529	\$541
Professional Physician Inpatient	\$158	\$136	\$180	\$226	\$183	\$269	\$98	\$94	\$102
Professional Physician Outpatient Facility	\$197	\$184	\$210	\$201	\$181	\$220	\$156	\$154	\$159
Professional Physician Office Visit	\$524	\$499	\$550	\$243	\$222	\$265	\$203	\$201	\$206
Professional Non-Physician	\$313	\$294	\$331	\$470	\$436	\$505	\$362	\$358	\$366
Professional Mental Health Provider	\$1,518	\$1,441	\$1,595	\$631	\$572	\$691	\$348	\$341	\$354
Pharmacy Total	\$5,178	\$5,008	\$5,348	\$2,598	\$2,336	\$2,861	\$1,694	\$1,665	\$1,723
Pharmacy Psych Medication	\$737	\$670	\$803	\$656	\$567	\$745	\$337	\$327	\$346
Other Total	\$3,588	\$3,398	\$3,778	\$1,065	\$922	\$1,208	\$319	\$307	\$330
Special Medicaid Services	\$3,043	\$2,849	\$3,237	\$2,528	\$2,187	\$2,869	\$1,591	\$1,541	\$1,641
Mental Health Substance Combined*	\$3,063	\$2,910	\$3,216	\$2,203	\$1,980	\$2,427	\$874	\$857	\$892

\* The *Mental Health Substance Combined* measure is the sum of all expenditures associated with medical and pharmacy services for mental health / substance abuse.

**Table 3. MAT Expenditure Measures (Crude)**

Measure	Spoke			Non-MAT Opioid Addicted			Statewide Medicaid		
	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per Capita	95% LCL	95% UCL
Hub Bundled Payment	\$378	\$335	\$421	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$125	\$137
MAT Pharmacy	\$3,319	\$3,235	\$3,404	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$132	\$126	\$138
Professional OUD	\$2,543	\$2,435	\$2,652	\$976	\$851	\$1,101	\$144	\$137	\$150
Buprenorphine Dispensed in Hub	\$179	\$153	\$206	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$26	\$30
Urinalysis	\$3,487	\$3,290	\$3,684	\$719	\$593	\$844	\$185	\$176	\$195



**Table 4. Utilization Measures (Crude)**

Measure	Spoke			Non-MAT Opioid Addicted			Statewide Medicaid		
	Rate per 1,000	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per 1,000	95% LCL	95% UCL	Rate per 1,000	95% LCL	95% UCL
Inpatient Discharges	238.8	220.0	257.6	439.3	404.3	474.3	114.3	111.9	116.8
Inpatient Days	1,193.0	1,151.0	1,234.9	2,417.0	2,334.9	2,499.0	547.4	542.0	552.8
Outpatient ED Visits	1,079.9	1,040.0	1,119.8	1,824.0	1,752.7	1,895.2	749.2	742.9	755.5
Outpatient Potentially Avoidable ED Visits	160.0	144.6	175.4	292.9	264.3	321.4	132.5	129.8	135.1
Non-Hospital Outpatient Visits	23,523.1	23,336.7	23,709.5	11,220.7	11,043.9	11,397.5	8,213.3	8,192.5	8,234.1
Primary Care Encounters	11,132.4	11,004.1	11,260.6	5,513.2	5,389.3	5,637.1	3,786.6	3,772.5	3,800.7
Medical Specialist Encounters	932.2	895.1	969.3	1,212.1	1,154.0	1,270.2	879.5	872.6	886.3
Surgical Specialist Encounters	1,516.0	1,468.7	1,563.3	887.3	837.6	937.0	844.0	837.3	850.6
Standard Imaging	677.2	645.6	708.9	1,409.3	1,346.6	1,471.9	825.5	818.9	832.1
Advanced Imaging	237.3	218.6	256.0	566.9	527.2	606.6	268.1	264.3	271.8
Echography	508.4	481.0	535.8	502.4	465.0	539.8	366.3	362.0	370.7
Colonoscopy	11.9	7.7	16.1	27.5	18.8	36.3	32.3	31.0	33.6
PQI 5: COPD Admissions	8.6	0.2	17.0	25.0	10.2	39.8	5.1	4.3	5.9
PQI 92: Composite (Chronic)	6.5	3.4	9.6	28.3	19.4	37.1	6.4	5.8	7.0
PQI 8: Heart Failure Admissions	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.7	0.0	2.1	1.1	0.8	1.3
Ambulatory Care ED Visits - HH	1,129.5	1,088.7	1,170.4	1,855.1	1,783.3	1,927.0	769.3	763.0	775.7
Inpatient Utilization - HH	231.9	213.4	250.4	464.0	428.0	499.9	104.3	102.0	106.6
Short Term Nursing Facility Admissions - HH							1.4	1.1	1.7
Long Term Nursing Facility Admissions - HH							0.2	0.1	0.3

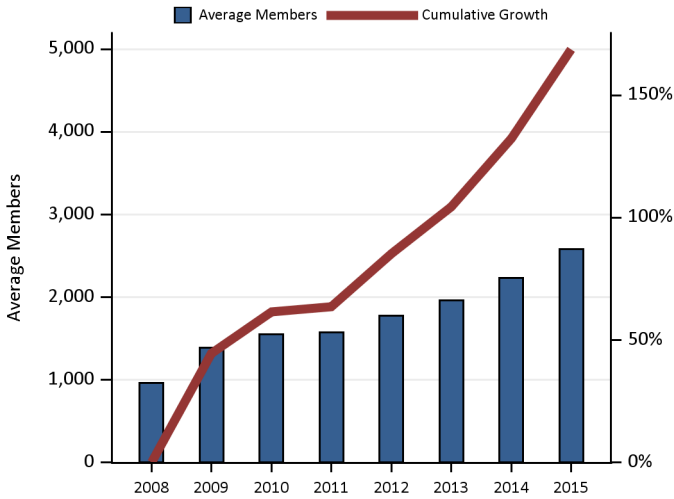
**Table 5. Effective & Preventive Care Measures**

Measure	Spoke				Non-MAT Opioid Addicted				Statewide Medicaid			
	N	Rate	95% LCL	95% UCL	N	Rate	95% LCL	95% UCL	N	Rate	95% LCL	95% UCL
Breast Cancer Screening (BCS), 52-64 Years - HH					39	56%	40%	73%	4,131	59%	57%	60%
Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS) - HH	848	58%	55%	61%	420	53%	48%	58%	23,956	55%	54%	56%
Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (7 Day) - HH	100	44%	34%	54%	112	34%	25%	43%	1,188	42%	39%	45%
Controlling High Blood Pressure - HH	112	32%	23%	41%	61	28%	16%	40%	3,303	38%	37%	40%
Adult Body Mass Index Assessment - HH	1,093	84%	81%	86%	562	84%	81%	87%	22,804	84%	84%	85%
Screening for Clinical Depression - HH	1,228	14%	12%	16%	631	9%	7%	12%	26,589	8%	7%	8%
Tobacco Use Screening - HH	1,681	34%	32%	36%	899	31%	28%	34%	37,514	31%	31%	32%

**Table 6. Plan All-Cause Readmissions**

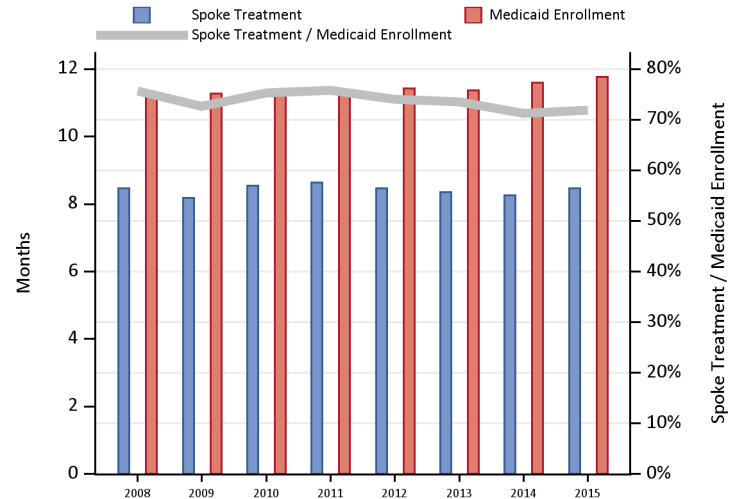
Measure	Spoke				Non-MAT Opioid Addicted				Statewide Medicaid			
	N	Observed / Expected Ratio	LCL	UCL	N	Observed / Expected Ratio	LCL	UCL	N	Observed / Expected Ratio	LCL	UCL
PCR	372	0.56	0.35	0.77	396	1.17	0.97	1.37	4,842	0.89	0.82	0.96

**Spoke Case Load Growth**



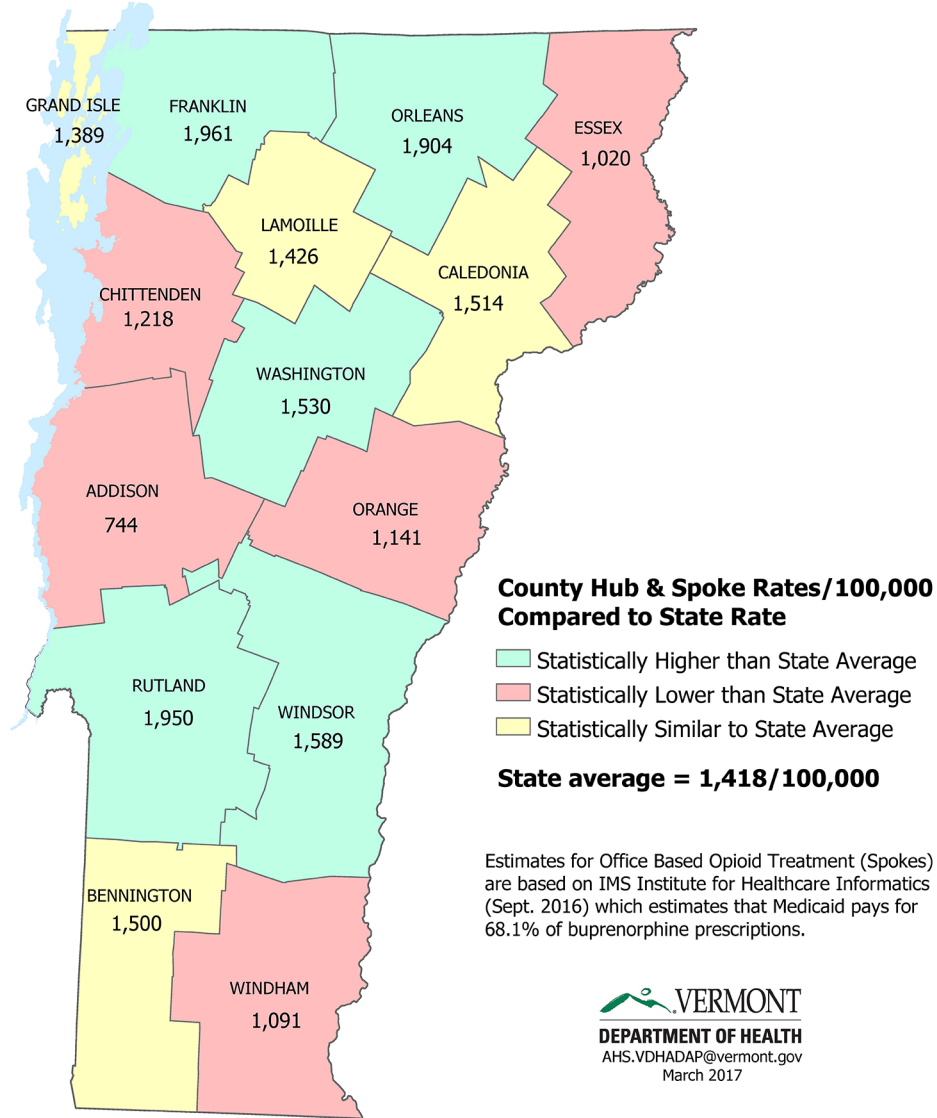
*Figure 19: Presents the total average members per year receiving at least one prescription for buprenorphine as identified in the pharmacy claims within the measurement year and the percent cumulative growth since 2008.*

**Medicaid Enrollment & MAT Treatment**



*Figure 20: Presents the average number of Medicaid enrollment months among Spoke participants, the average number of Spoke treatment months, and the percent of Medicaid enrollment months that member received treatment. Spoke participation and Medicaid enrollment remained stable from 2008–2015 despite enhancements and changes made to the Spoke program.*

**SFY2016 MAT Rate per 100,000 People**



*Figure 21: Presents the rate of Hub & Spoke participation per 100,000 people within each county. Shading indicates whether the rate of MAT participation was statistically higher, lower, or similar to the statewide average. This figure is produced by the Vermont Department of Health and is a non-claims measure of statewide access to treatment.*