

Outpatient SLP Benefit in Colorado Medicaid

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Meeting Objectives

- Review SLP utilization
- Discuss the benefit with stakeholders
- Address concerns



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General Description

- Outpatient Speech-Language Pathology (SLP, or speech therapy) is a State Plan benefit available to children and adults.
- It consists of speech therapy services.
- Providers are licensed speech-language pathologists and their supervised assistants.
- Utilization is distinct from speech therapy services available through the Home Health benefit and school-based services; however the treatment is comparable as the same providers may work in any of those settings.



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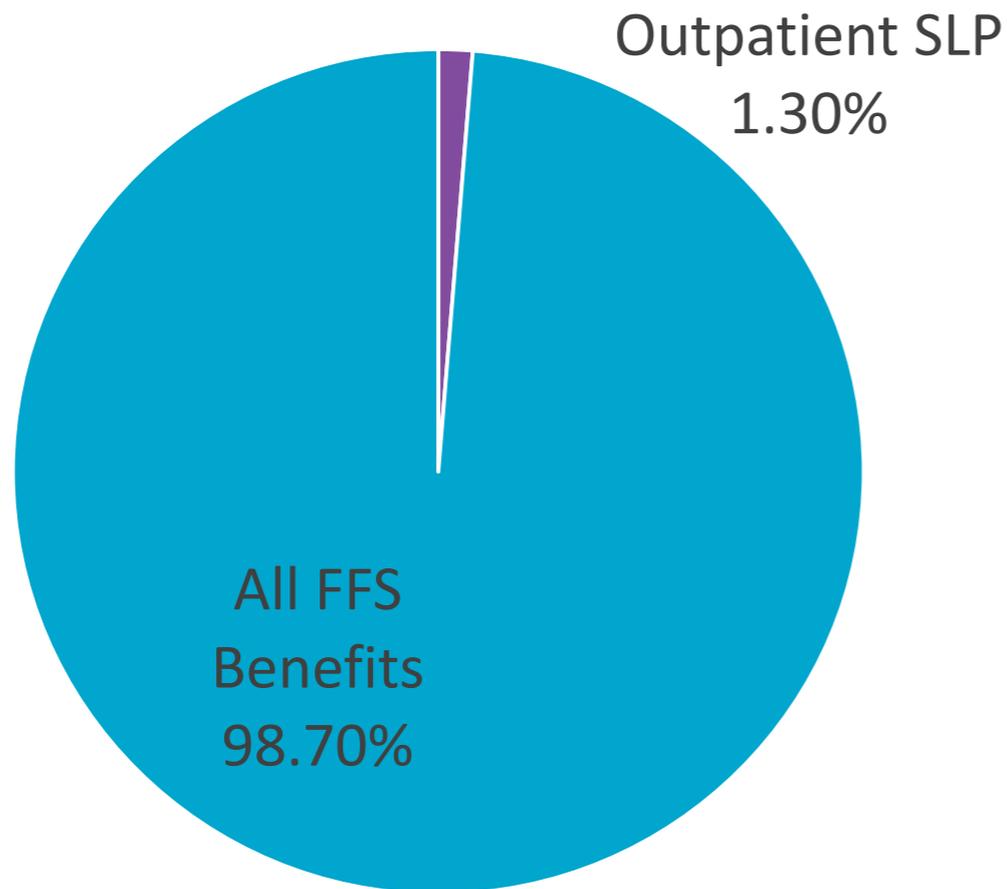
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Additional Details

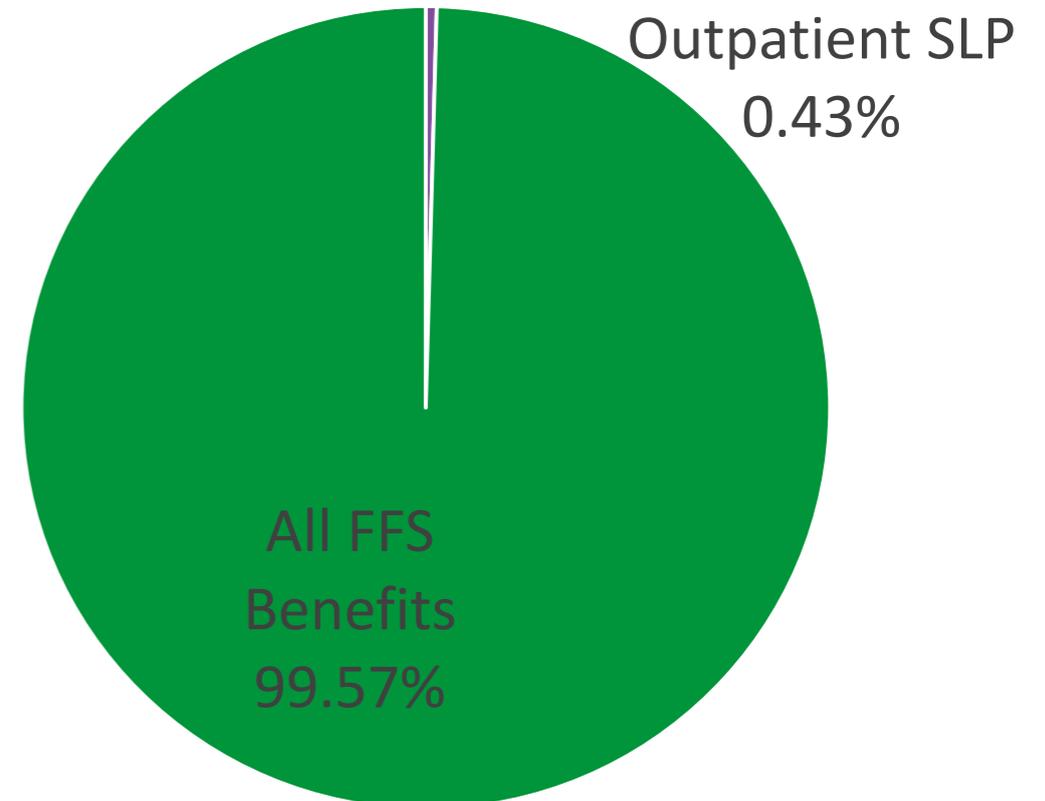
- State Plan, fee-for-service
- Requires a physician/nurse order and 90 day treatment plan increments
- No annual limit
- Children have rehabilitative and Habilitative therapies covered (acute and chronic)
- Adults only have rehabilitative therapies covered (acute)
 - Adults on the ACA Medicaid Plan have Habilitative therapies covered too. Requires a PAR.



Expenditure Snapshot



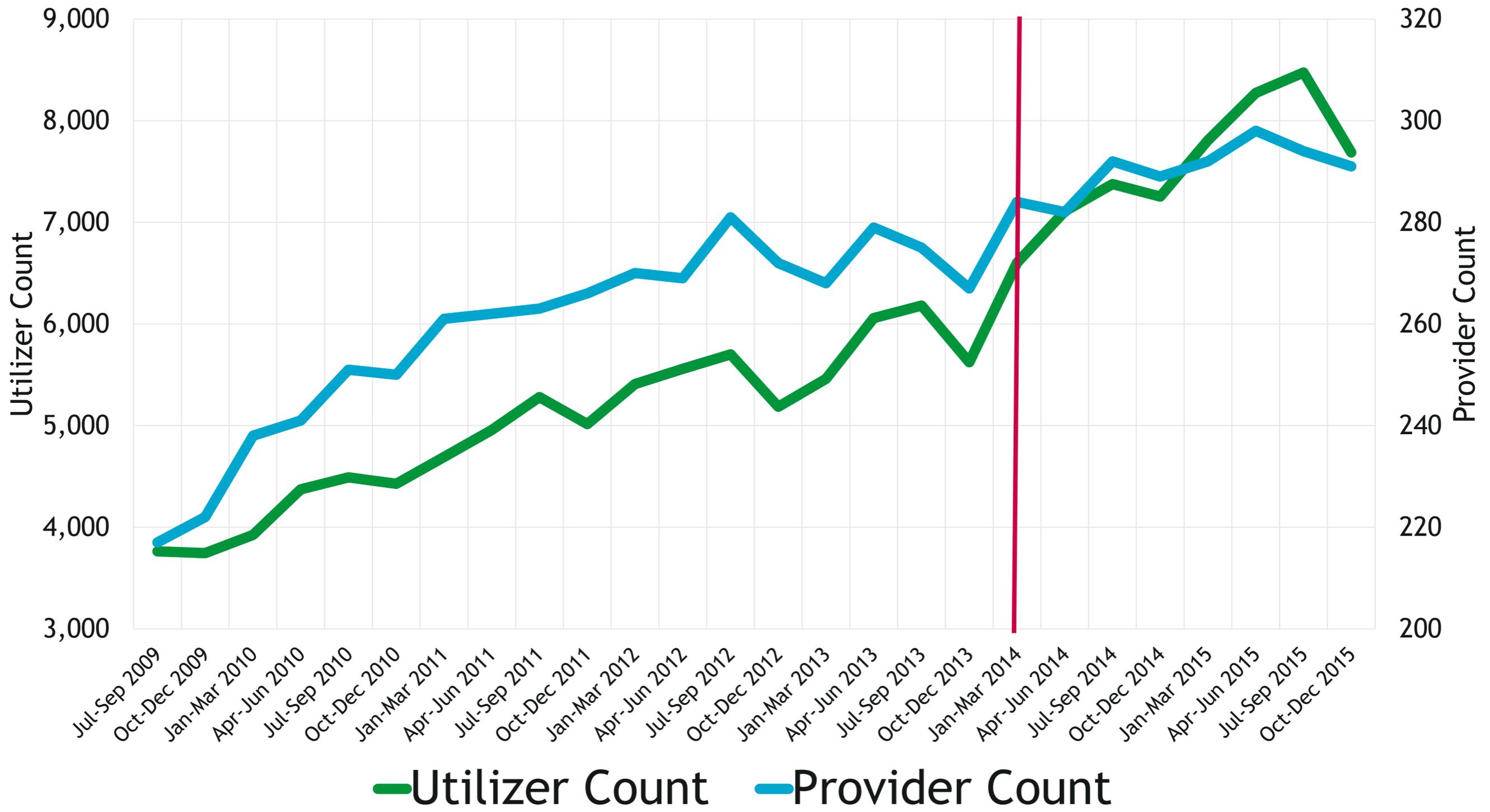
Utilizer Count



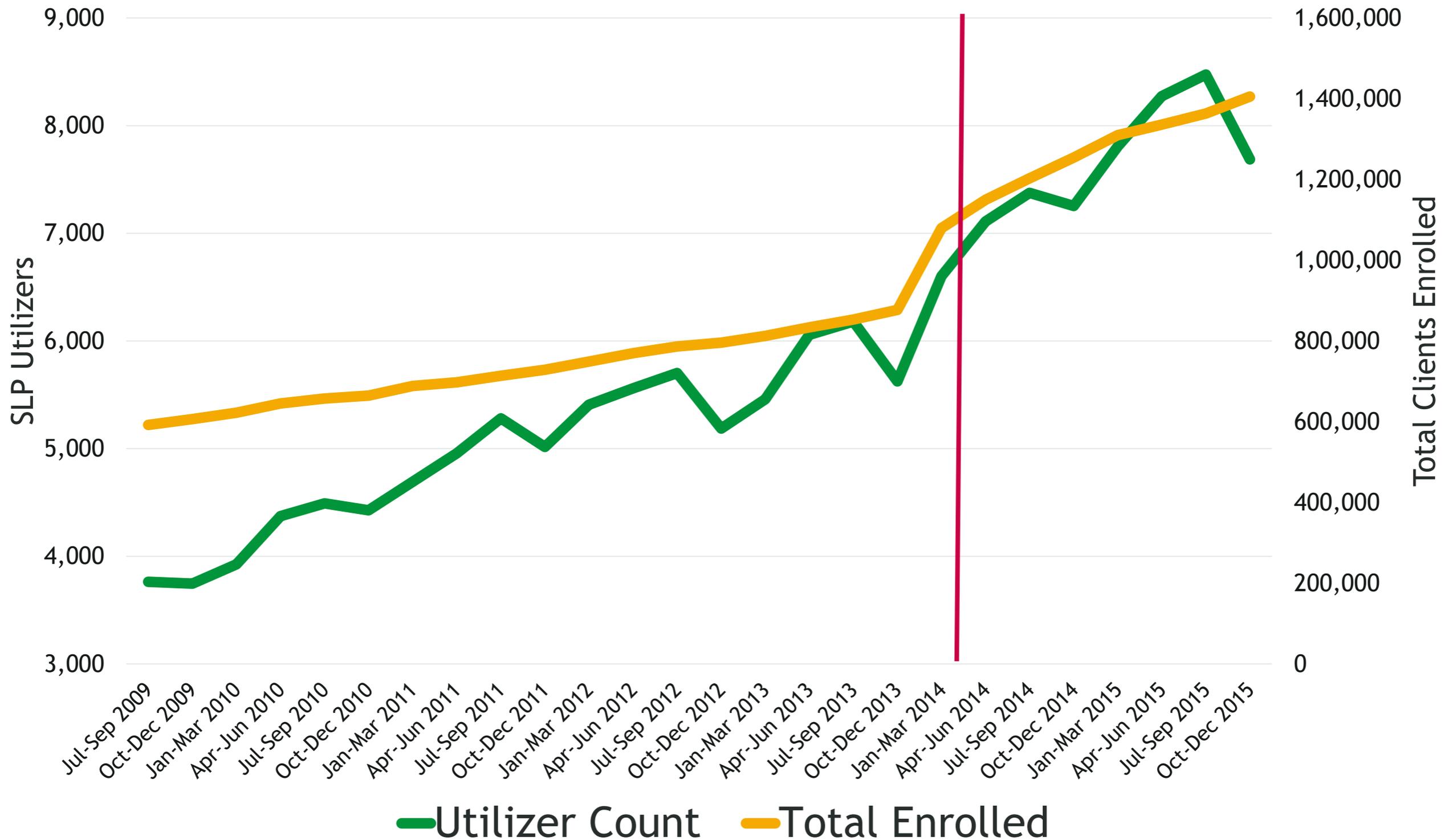
Relative Cost

FY 2015	Utilizer Count	Total Cost
Outpatient SLP	14,232	\$21,863,599
All FFS Benefits	1,066,690	\$5,044,611,533

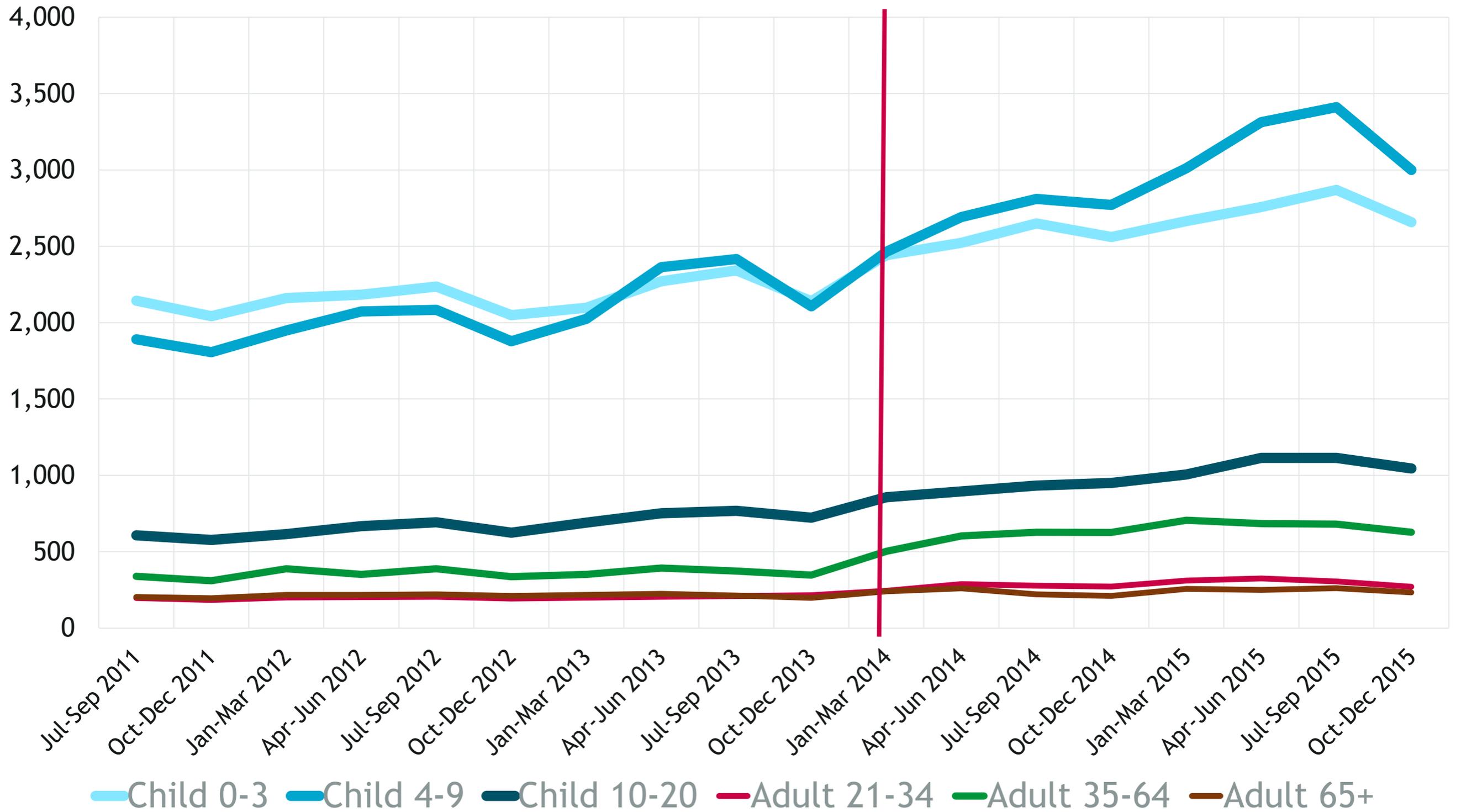
Utilizer and Provider Counts



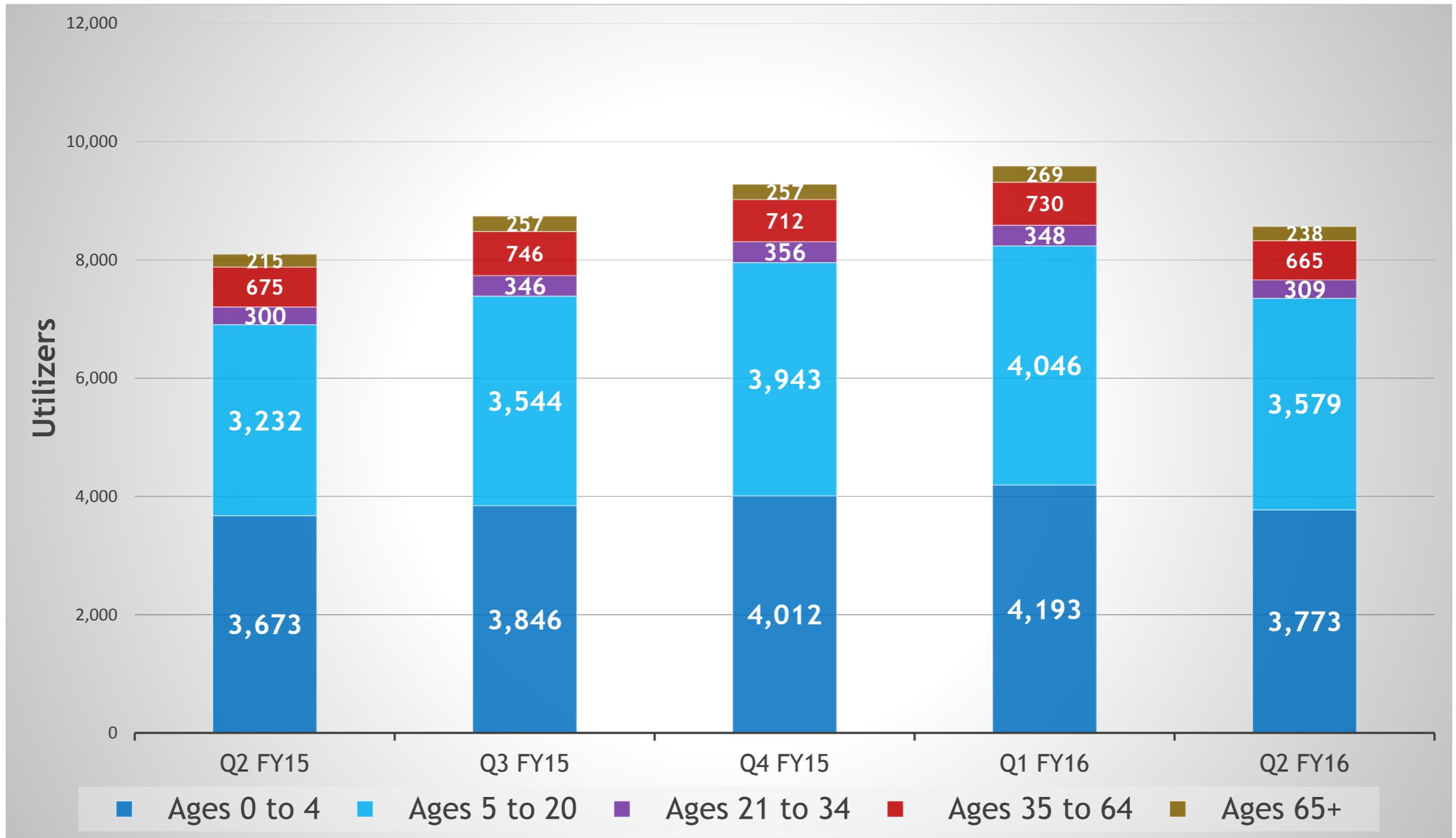
Utilizer Count to Total Enrolled



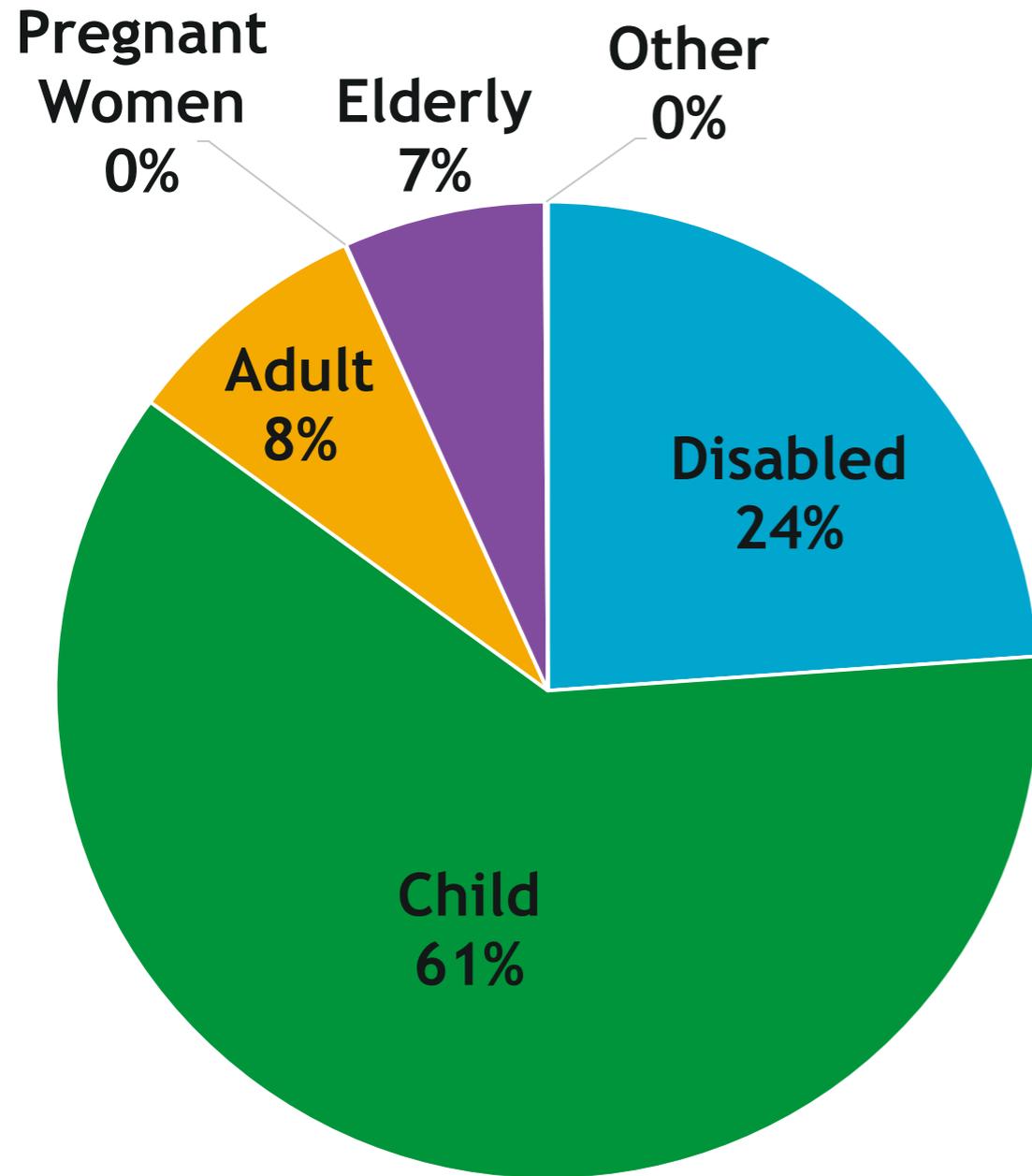
Utilizer Trends by Age Group



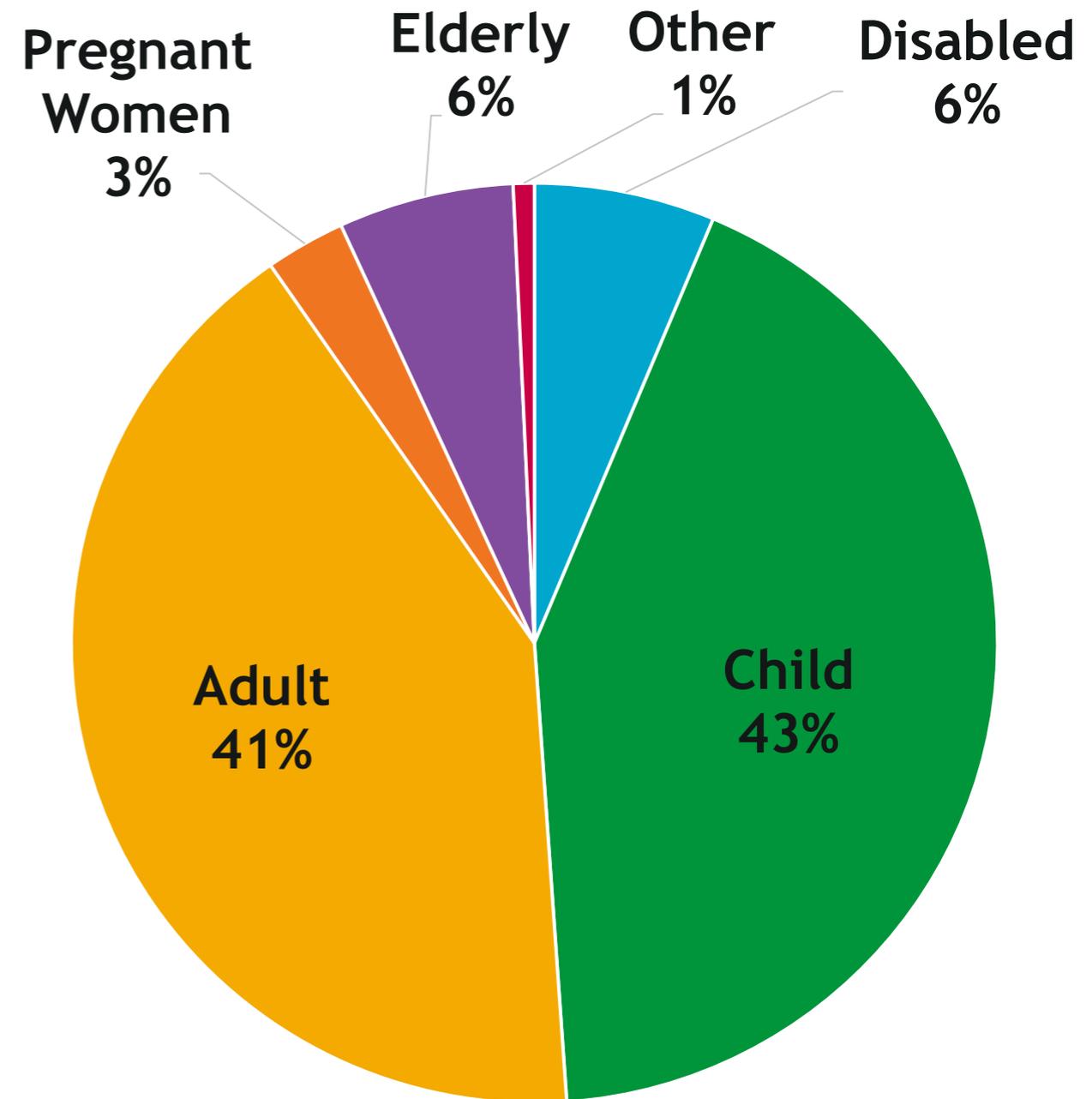
Utilization by Age Group



Demographic Comparison

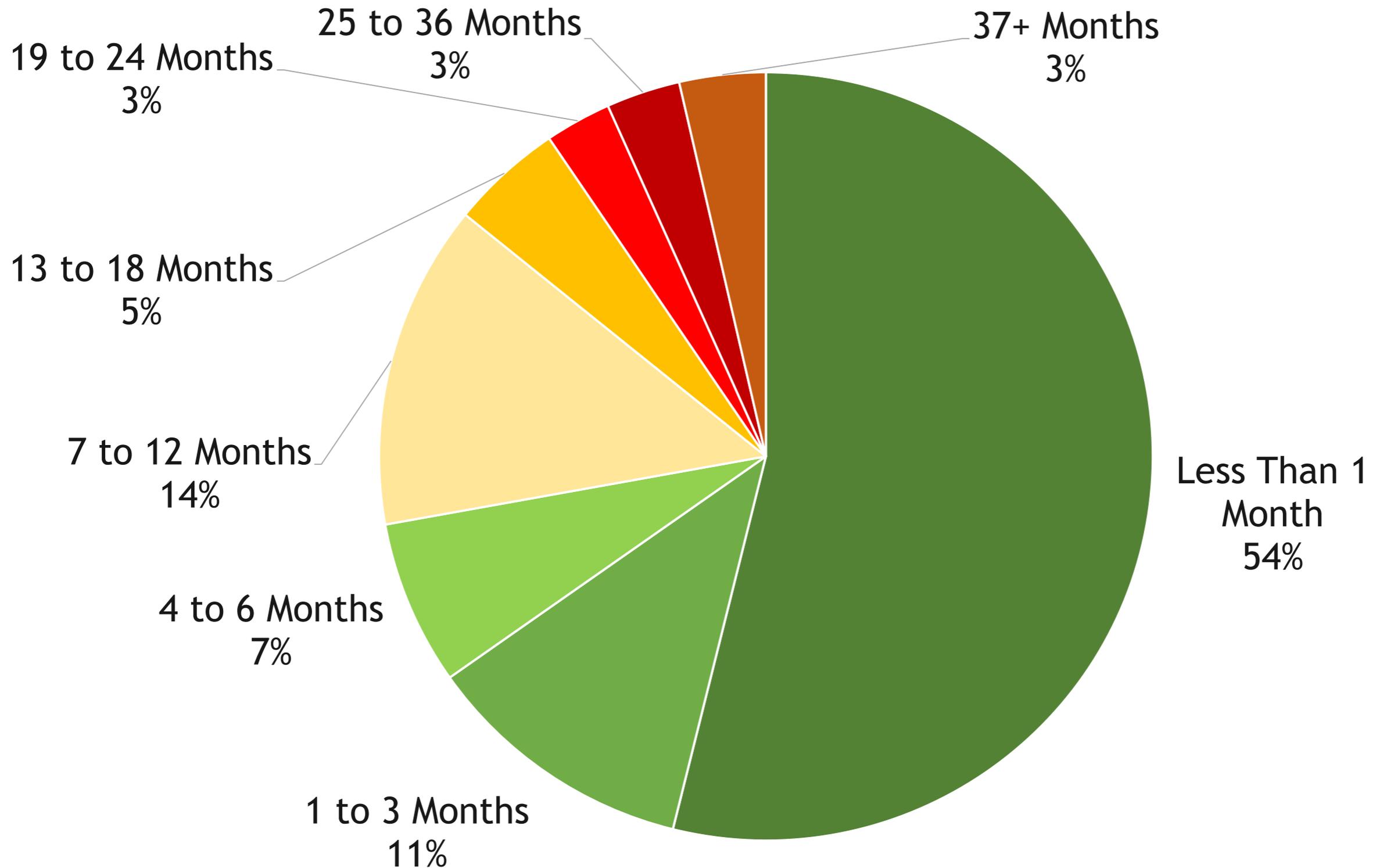


Outpatient SLP Utilizers



All FFS Utilizers

Length of Treatment



Payment Rate Comparison

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State	Reimbursement	% Difference from Colorado Medicaid
<u>Colorado (Medicaid)</u>	<u>\$60.16</u>	=
Idaho	\$68.20	13.36%
Colorado (Medicare)	\$64.09	6.53%
Utah	\$62.52	3.92%
Oregon	\$55.87	-7.13%
Minnesota	\$55.80	-7.25%
Iowa	\$41.53	-30.97%
Washington	\$39.35	-34.59%
Texas	\$31.25	-48.06%



Open Discussion



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Thank You!



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