

## Variation in New CCS Enrollment, by County, 2011-2014

### BACKGROUND

- Most CCS-enrolled children are covered by CCS fee-for-service (to care for CCS condition) and a Medi-Cal managed care plan (for all other care), which may lead to fragmented health care delivery.
- The Department of Health Care Services has proposed a “whole-child model” where CCS services will be administered by Medi-Cal managed care plans, each of which will assume financial risk.
- How CCS enrollment would change under Medi-Cal managed care is unknown.

### FINDINGS

- New CCS enrollment rates have been stable over most of the 4 years.
- New CCS enrollment varies by county, ranging from 140 to 665 per 10,000 children living in poverty.
  - Adjusted for poverty, the lowest enrollment was seen in Alpine, Modoc, Plumas, and Sierra counties.
  - The highest enrollment was seen in Colusa, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz counties.
- “Whole child (carve-out)” counties are home to about 15% of CCS children.
  - Adjusted for poverty, “whole child (carve-out)” counties\*\*\* have higher enrollment rates (3.0-3.9%) than other counties (2.6-3.4%).

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Utilization review (UR) involves the identification and enrollment of children needing specialty care services.
- As the CCS program moves into a Medicaid managed care model tracking trends in CCS enrollment will be important.
- This policy brief provides important baseline data on CCS program enrollment, by county, between 2010-2014.

### New CCS Enrollees, by County, FY 2011-2014\*

New CCS enrollment, FY2014, per 10,000 children in poverty



County Group	2011 New Enrollees (% of children in poverty)*	2012 New Enrollees (% of children in poverty)	2013 New Enrollees (% of children in poverty)	2014 New Enrollees (% of children in poverty)
Whole Child (Carve-In)**	2046 (2.8%)	1992 (2.7%)	2216 (3.1%)	1835 (2.6%)
Whole Child (Carve-Out)***	8132 (3.2%)	7690 (3.0%)	10,014 (3.9%)	7809 (3.2%)
Other	45,788 (2.7%)	41,588 (2.4%)	58,397 (3.4%)	44,256 (2.6%)

\*Based on county child poverty levels, US Census

Rate: 100-199, 200-299, 300-399, 400-499, 500-599

Data analyzed were abstracted from the state's Management Information System / Decision Support System. "CCS enrollee" is any child enrolled in California Children's Services from fiscal year 2011 (7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011) through 2014 (7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014). Any child with ≥ 1 claim in a fiscal year was considered enrolled. \*For each county, “% of children in poverty” was calculated as 100 x (# of new CCS enrollees) / (# of children in poverty, as estimated by US Census). \*\*Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Solano, Santa Barbara, Yolo. \*\*\*Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Trinity.