

Health Care Use Varies by Diagnosis among CCS Enrollees

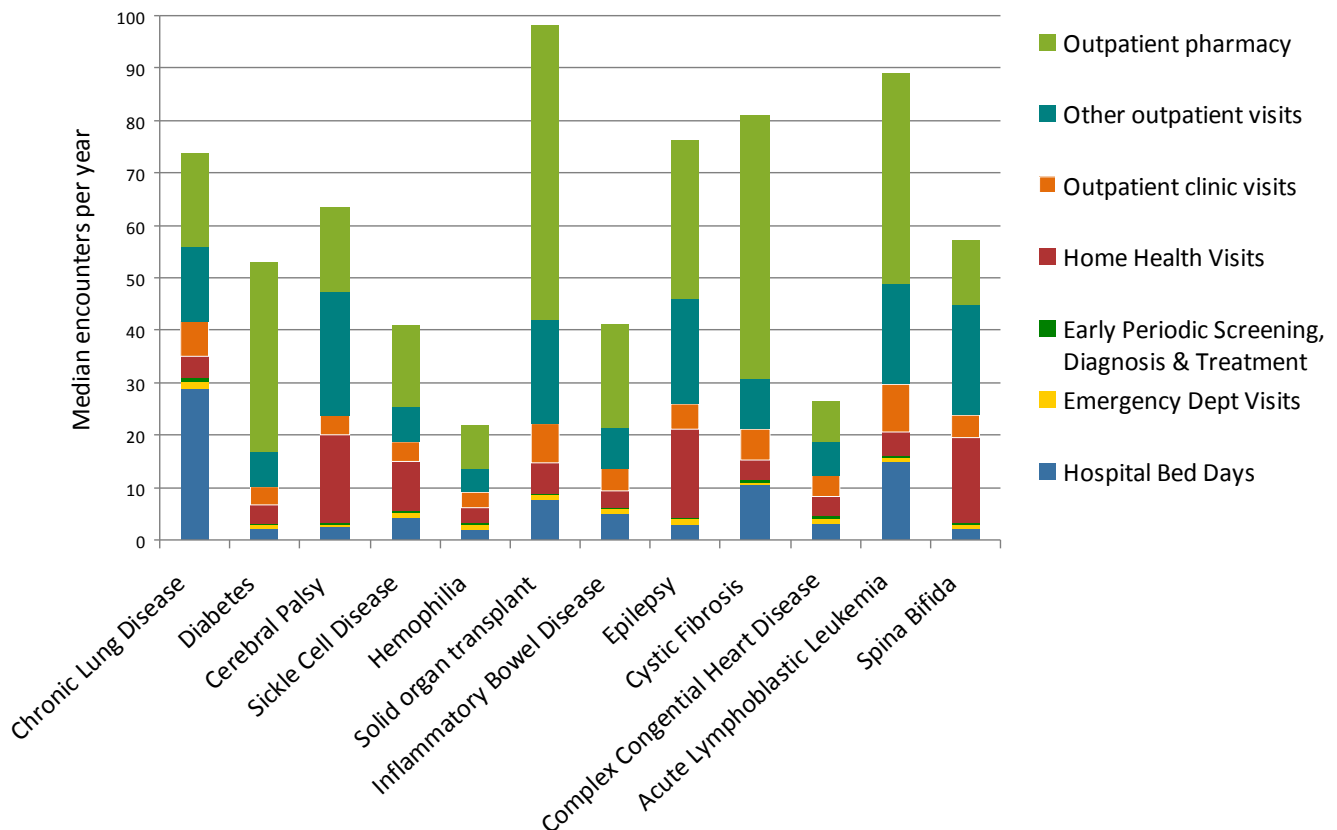
THE FINDINGS

- **Patterns of health-service use vary by diagnosis.**
- Children with neurologic diagnoses have high home health care use.
- Children with hematologic and oncologic diagnoses have high use of pharmaceutical products.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- **Quality improvement and cost-containment initiatives will vary significantly depending upon condition.** Unlike adult medicine, pediatrics is not a “one-size-fits-all” field.

Exhibit 1: Service Use, by Diagnosis, among enrollees age ≥ 1 yr within upper decile of total costs (excluding those with residential facility stay)



"CCS enrollee" is any child enrolled in California Children's Services for > 6 months from 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2012. As the nation's largest Title V program, CCS provides case management each year for $>150,000$ children with a serious chronic medical condition and whose family has an eligible adjusted annual income. Most CCS enrollees are enrolled in MediCal or Healthy Families. <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs>. Data analyzed were de-identified information from all paid claims for these CCS enrollees, as abstracted from the state's Management Information System / Decision Support System.