

# **Medicaid Payment Increase Survey**

**November 2013**

## MedChi Medicaid Increase Survey

**Background:** MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, worked very hard with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to lobby to raise Medicaid rates in 2012. As of January 1, 2013, Medicaid rates for all physicians of all specialties were increased in Maryland to Medicare rates for Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes.

MedChi polled a group of 251 Maryland Physicians to determine their knowledge of the increase, and the effect on patients. The results of the poll follow:

**Key findings:**

**36%** of physicians were not aware of the payment increase.

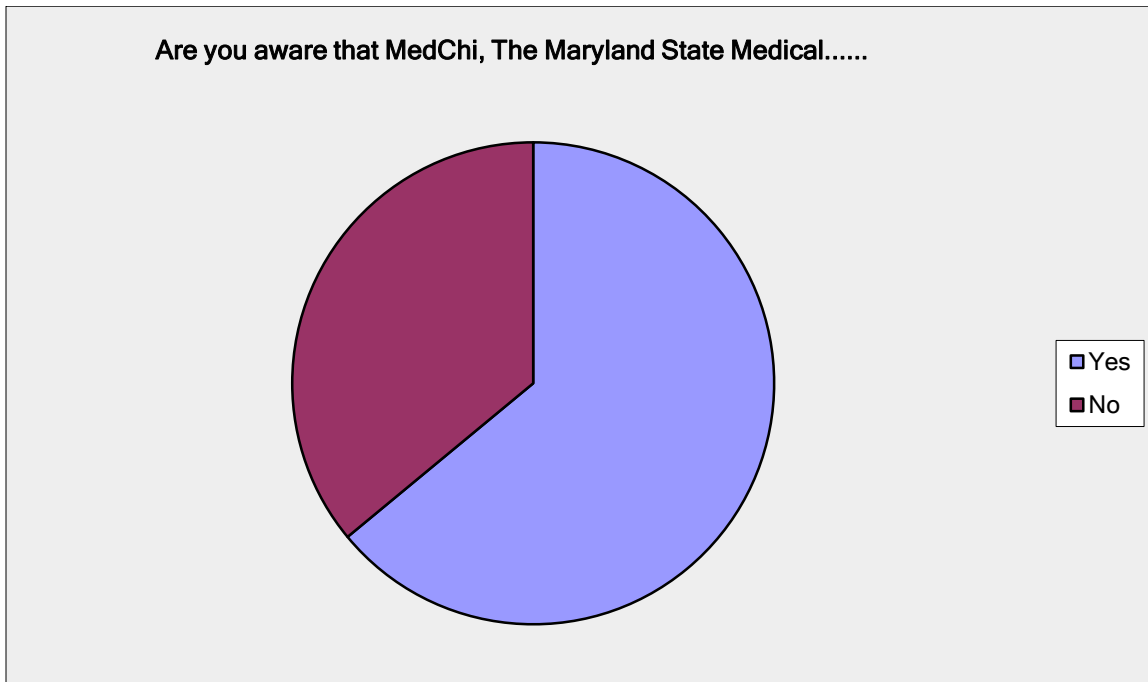
Over **46%** of physicians surveyed who do not accept Medicaid are considering seeing Medicaid patients as the result of the increase.

Over **57%** of physicians surveyed who do accept Medicaid plan to increase the panel or number of Medicaid patients they see.

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Are you aware that MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society worked with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to lobby to raise Medicaid rates? As of January 1, 2013, Medicaid rates for ALL PHYSICIANS of ALL SPECIALTIES were increased in Maryland to Medicare rates for Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.0%	158
No	36.0%	89
<i>answered question</i>		<b>247</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>



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**If you don't accept Medicaid, are you more likely to accept Medicaid with the increase in payment? (The increase is about 20-24% according to State Officials)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>
Yes	46.25%
No	53.75%

*(Only includes respondents who don't accept Medicaid)*

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**If you accept Medicaid, are you likely to increase the number of Medicaid patients you see as a result of the higher payment?**

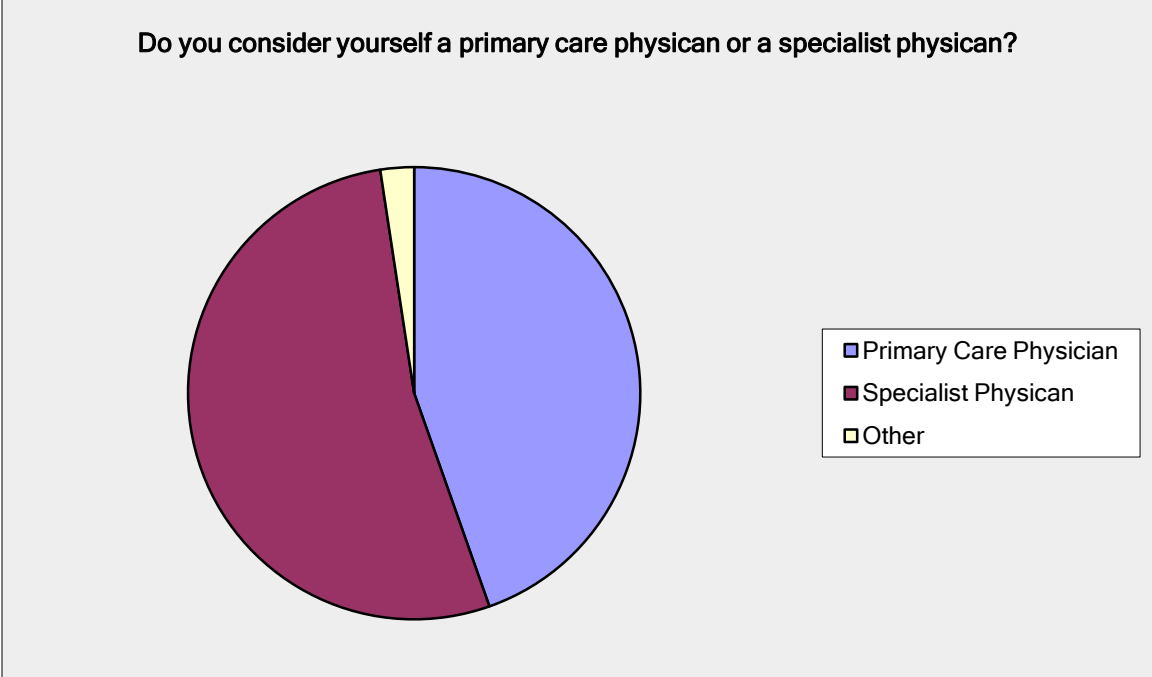
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>
Yes	57.7%
No	43.3%

*(Only includes respondents who do accept Medicaid)*

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Do you consider yourself a primary care physician or a specialist physician?

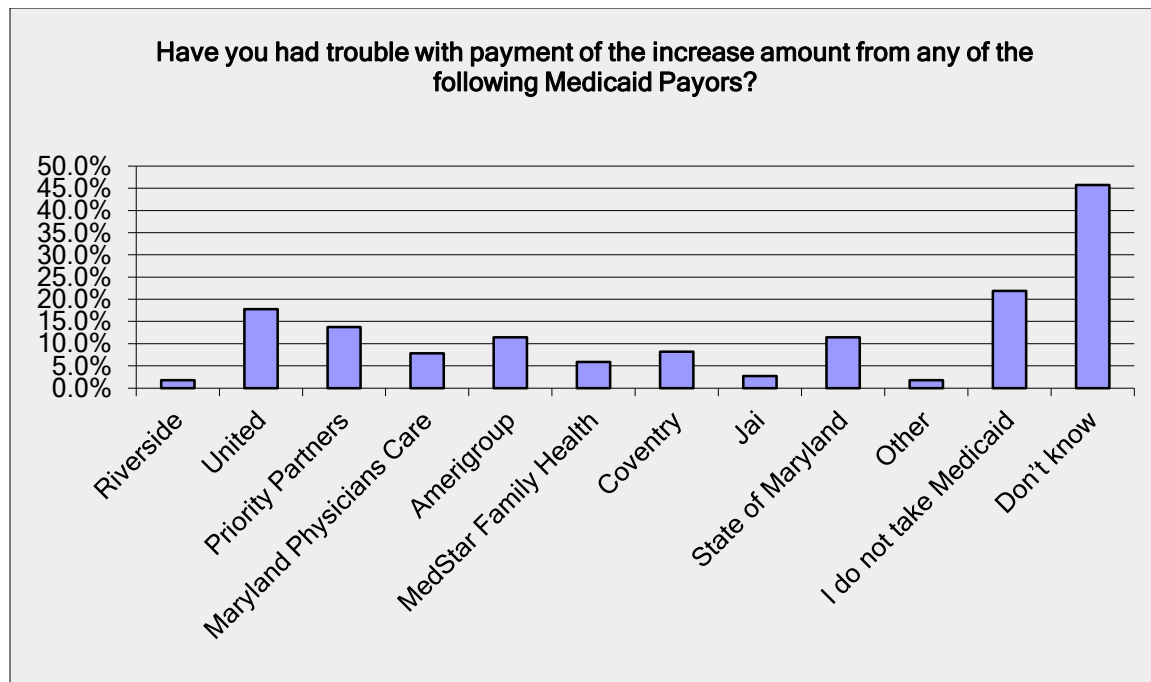
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Primary Care Physician	44.6%	111
Specialist Physician	53.0%	132
Other	2.4%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>249</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>



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**Have you had trouble with payment of the increased amount from any of the following Medicaid Payers?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Riverside	1.8%	4
United	17.8%	39
Priority Partners	13.7%	30
Maryland Physicians Care	7.8%	17
Amerigroup	11.4%	25
MedStar Family Health	5.9%	13
Coventry	8.2%	18
Jai	2.7%	6
State of Maryland	11.4%	25
Other	1.8%	4
I do not take Medicaid	21.9%	48
Don't know	45.7%	100
<i>answered question</i>		<b>219</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>32</b>



### **Margin of error**

The margin of error is 6.12%.

### **About MedChi**

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org)