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Background

Title XXI of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), to address the growing problem of children without health insurance. SCHIP was designed as a federal/state partnership, similar to Medicaid, with the goal of expanding health insurance to children whose families earn too much money to be eligible for Medicaid, but not enough to purchase private insurance. The current Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program (PA CHIP) was established in 1998 following the repeal of the existing Children's Health Care Act and enacting of Act 1998-68 by the State Senate.

PA CHIP is administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS), with the CHIP program supported by both state and federal funds. The program provides payment for health care coverage for eligible children who meet income and other criteria. Approximately 178,000 children and teens were enrolled in PA CHIP as of October 2020.

The Cover All Kids initiative, enacted by the legislature in October 2006, led to the expansion of the CHIP program to include all uninsured children and teens in the Commonwealth who are not eligible for Medical Assistance. On February 4, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) (Pub. L. 111-3). The Affordable Care Act (the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, together with the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; ACA), signed into law in March 2010, provided additional changes for CHIP. The ACA extended federal funding of CHIP through September of 2015, as well as added a requirement that states maintain the Medical Assistance (MA) and CHIP eligibility standards, methods, and procedures in place on the date of passage of the ACA or refund the state's federal stimulus funds under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). In December 2015, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 84 reauthorizing CHIP through 2017 and moving the administration of CHIP from the Insurance Department to the Department of Human Services (DHS). As of July 1, 2018, the CHIP Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) were required to comply with changes to the federal managed care regulations (42 CFR chapters 457 and 438). CHIP continues to work with the CHIP MCOs to ensure organized and efficient implementation of these regulations. On January 22, 2018, the federal government passed a continuing resolution and adopted the Helping Ensure Access for Little Ones, Toddlers and Hopeful Youth by Keeping Insurance Delivery Stable Act (HEALTHY KIDS Act). CHIP was authorized at the federal level, including funding appropriations through September 30, 2023. On February 9, 2018, Congress acted again to extend CHIP for an additional four years, or until September 30, 2027.

CHIP is provided by the following private health insurance companies that are licensed and regulated by the Department of Health Services and have contracts with the Commonwealth to offer CHIP coverage.



- Aetna, Inc.
- First Priority Health (NEPA)
- Capital Blue Cross
- Geisinger Health Plan
- Health Partners of Philadelphia
- Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Highmark Blue Shield
- Independence Blue Cross (IBC)
- UnitedHealthcare of Pennsylvania
- UPMC for Kids

Health coverage
for uninsured kids
is well within
reach.



Report Card Description

CHIP health insurance company performance is assessed using Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS®) 2020 performance measures, 2020 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Provider Systems (CAHPS®) 5.0 Survey items and Pennsylvania-specific performance measures. Results are presented in three sections: Access to Care, Quality of Care and Satisfaction with Care.

For HEDIS 2020 performance measures, a chart is presented with each bar representing the percentage of CHIP members receiving a specific type of care from their CHIP provider. For charts representing CAHPS survey items, each bar represents the percentage of respondents who selected option 8 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10, or “usually” or “always” when rating the care provided by their CHIP provider.

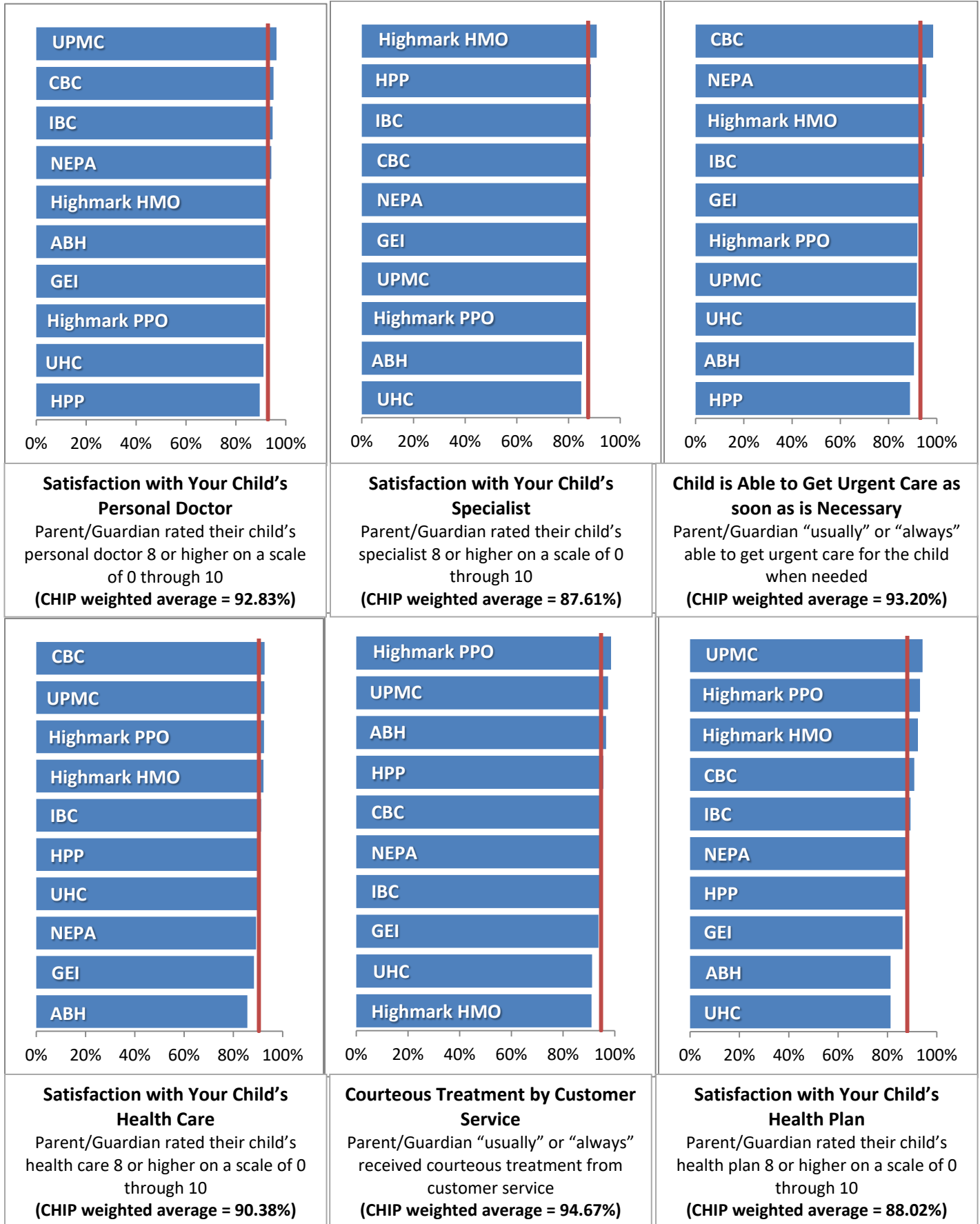
Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, CHIP MCOs were allowed to follow NCQA’s guidance for rotating HEDIS measures that utilize the hybrid methodology for 2020. Plans were allowed to report their audited HEDIS 2019 rates for 2020 if those rates are better due to low chart retrieval tied to the pandemic. In cases where CHIP plans chose to rotate their 2019 measures, those rates for the 2020 report card remain unchanged from 2019.

For each performance indicator, the CHIP health insurance companies are presented in order of performance from high to low with higher performing health insurance companies at the top of each chart. Inverted measures are presented in order of performance from low to high with higher performing health insurance companies at the top of each chart. Plans that reported a denominator less than 30 report rates as “NA”; these plans are not included in the below graphs.

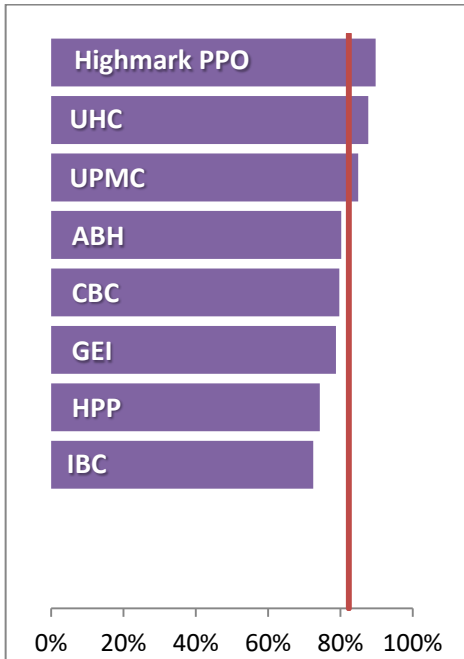
In addition, the PA CHIP statewide weighted average is represented on each chart by a solid vertical line. The PA CHIP weighted averaged is calculated as the total number of events program-wide divided by the eligible population program-wide.



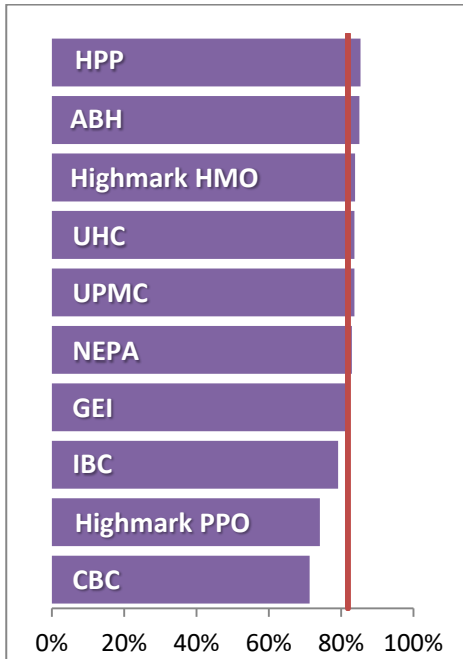
Satisfaction with Care: Is the care meeting your needs?



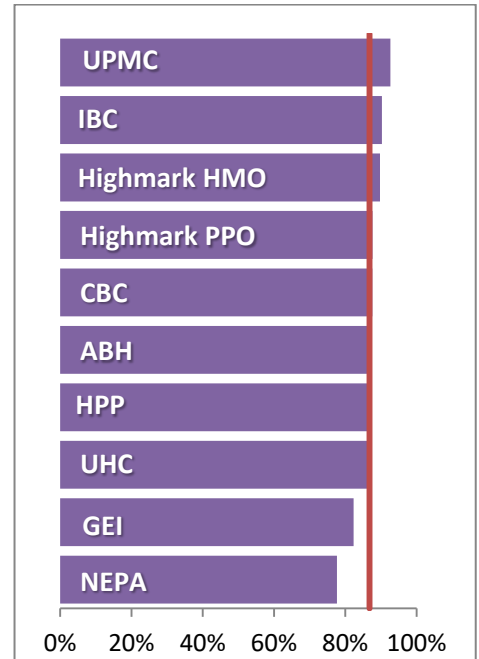
Access to Care: Are children receiving care?



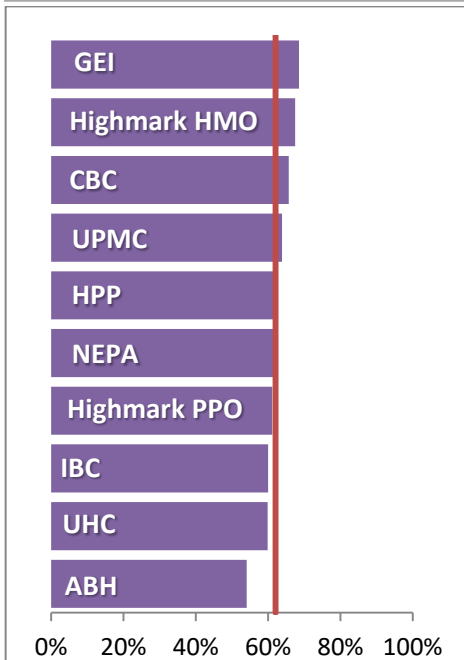
Regular Checkups for Children in the First 15 Months
 Percentage of children who had 6 or more well-child visits with a PCP before turning 15 months old
(CHIP weighted average = 82.34%)



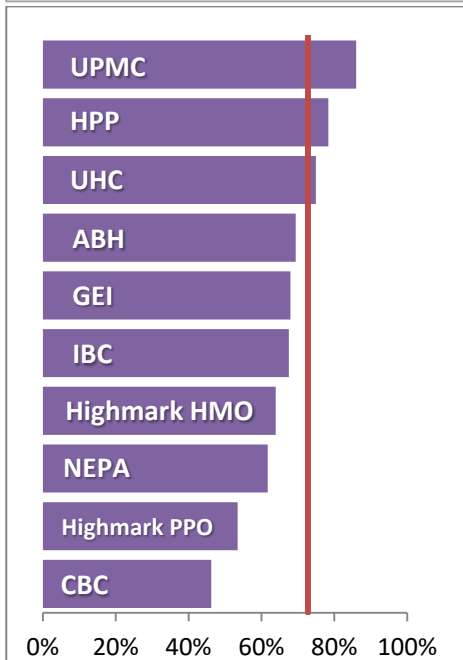
Childhood Immunization Status Combination 3
 Percentage of children who received a combination of 7 recommended vaccines prior to their 2nd birthday
(CHIP weighted average = 81.88%)



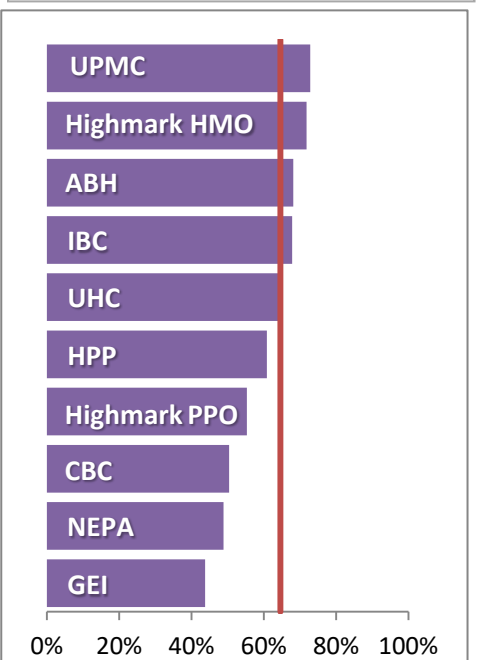
Testing for Children with Pharyngitis (Sore Throat)
 Percentage of children 2 – 18 years old with a sore throat who were prescribed antibiotic & tested for streptococcus
(CHIP weighted average = 87.56%)



Medication Management for People with Asthma
 Percentage of members 5-19 years old identified as having persistent asthma and dispensed medication that they remained on for at least 50% of treatment period
(CHIP weighted average = 62.05%)

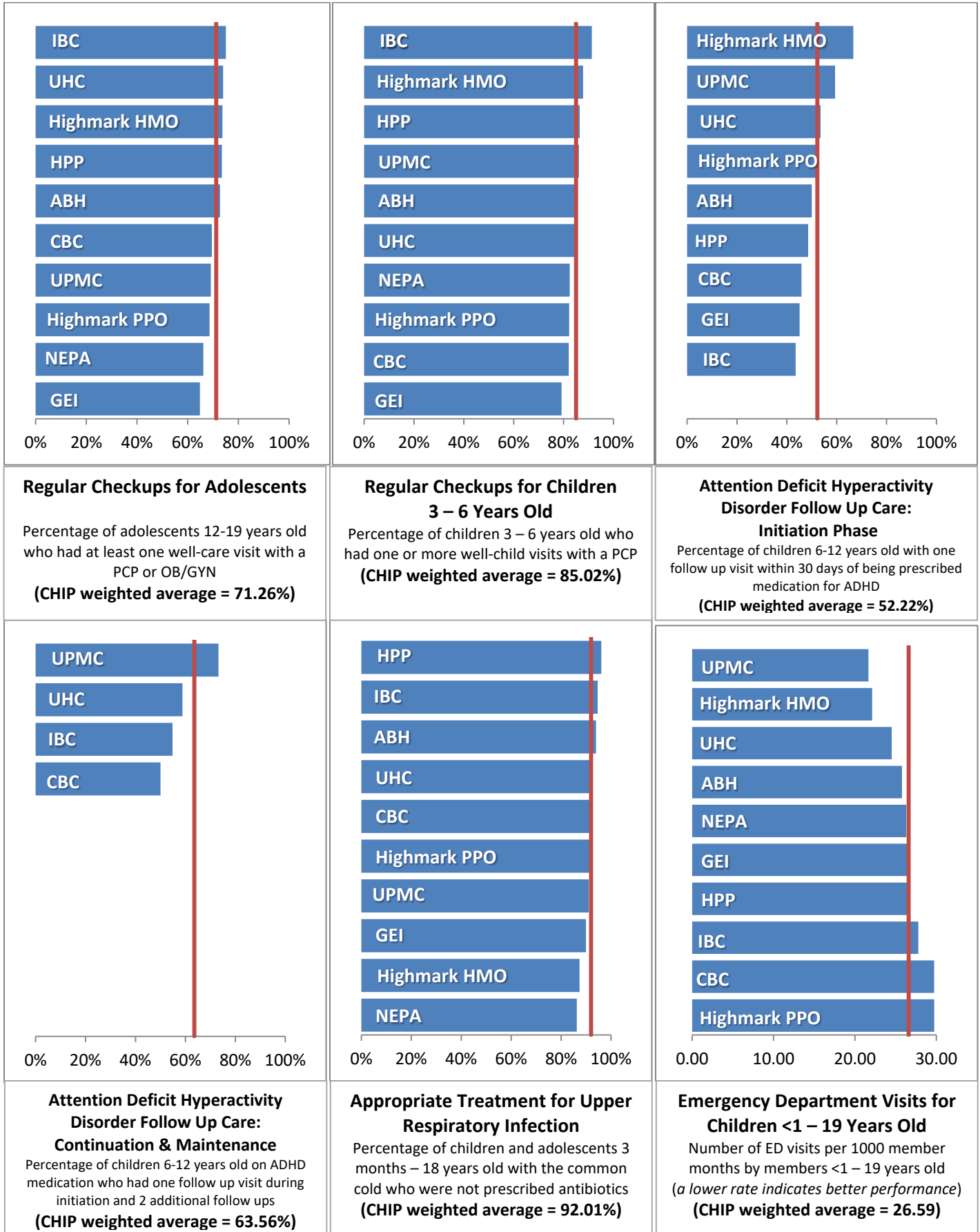


Lead Screening for Children
 Percentage of children who were tested for elevated blood lead levels prior to their 2nd birthday
(CHIP weighted average = 72.74%)

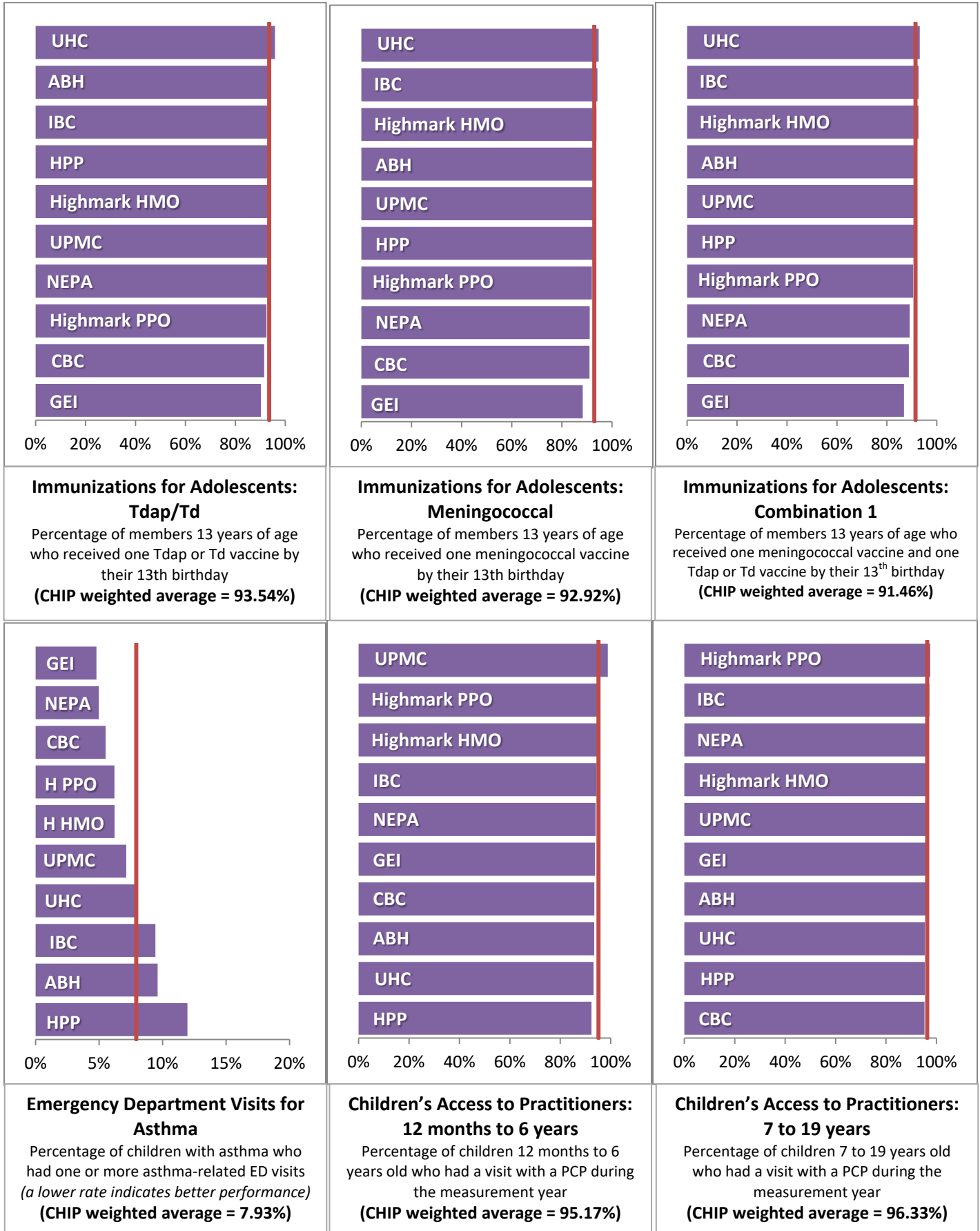


Developmental Screening in the First 3 Years of Life
 Percentage of children screened for risk of developmental delays in the 12 months before their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd birthday.
(CHIP weighted average = 64.58%)

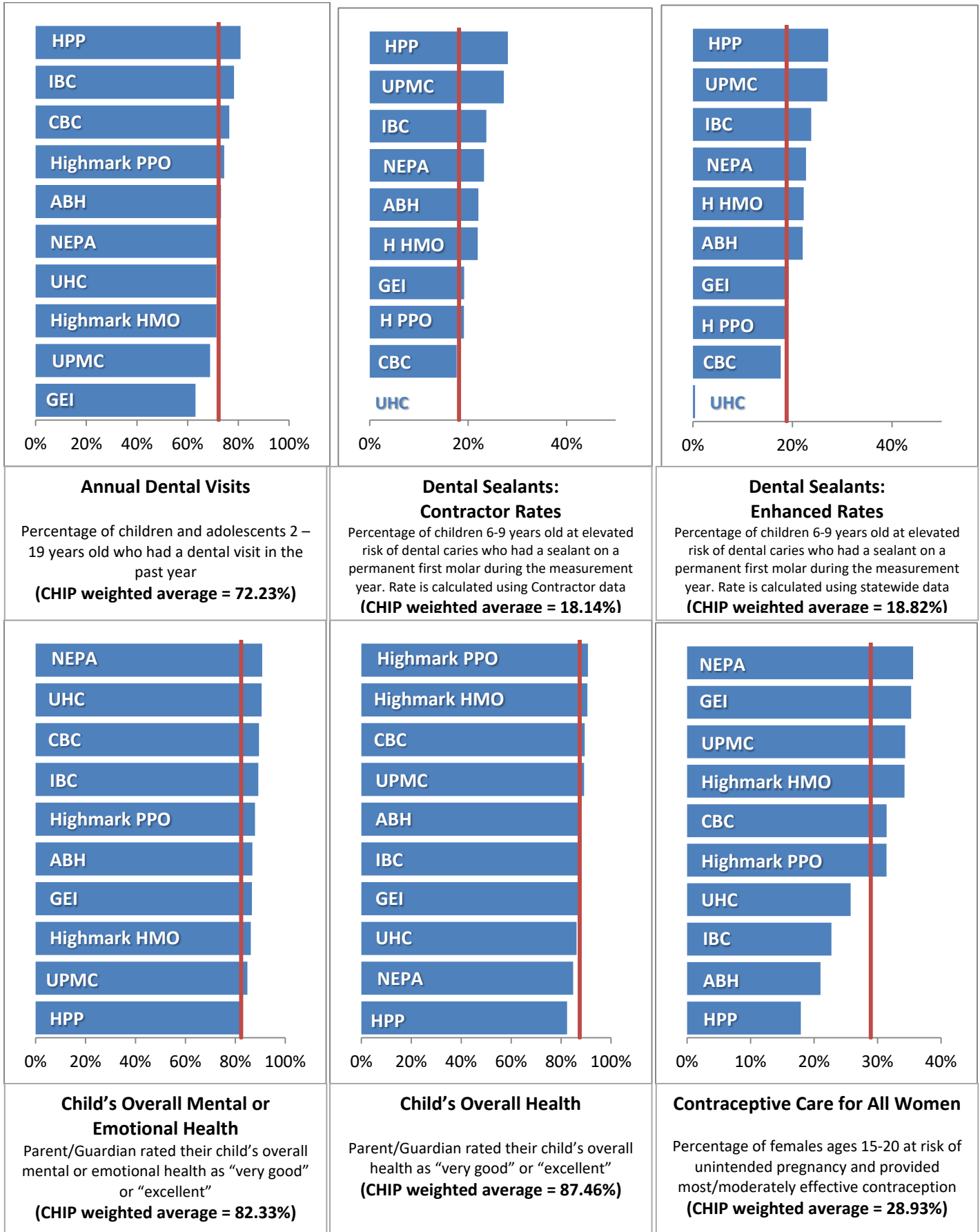
Quality of Care I: How effective is the care being provided?



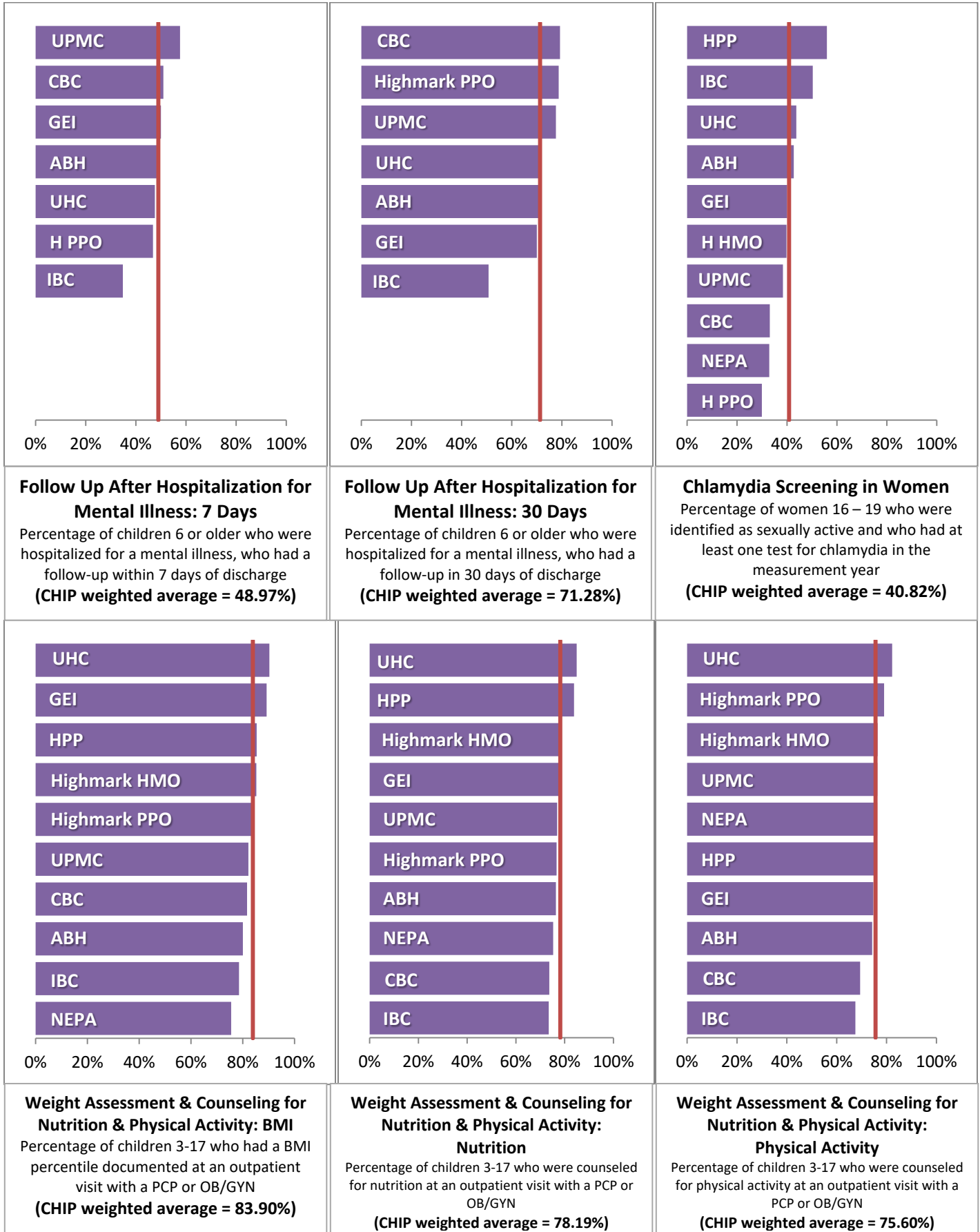
Quality of Care II: How effective is the care being provided?



Quality of Care III: How effective is the care being provided?



Quality of Care IV: How effective is the care being provided?



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1-800-822-2447
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[CAPITAL BLUE CROSS](#)

1-800-543-7101
TTY/TDD: 711

[FIRST PRIORITY HEALTH \(BCNEPA\)](#)

800-547-9378
TTY/TDD: 711

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1-800-275-6401
Hearing-Impaired: 711

[HEALTH PARTNERS \(KIDZPARTNERS\)](#)

1-888-888-1211
TTY: 711

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800-543-7105
TTY/TDD: 711

[KEYSTONE HEALTH PLAN WEST \(HIGHMARK\)](#)

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