

Quarterly Crowd-Out Reporting

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Introduction

In response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 57 (HCR 57) of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) presents this crowd-out report for quarter four of State Fiscal Year 2021 (April through June 2021).

Crowd-Out Definition

Crowd-Out occurs when the presence of public insurance causes someone with private insurance to drop their privately-funded insurance in lieu of the publicly-funded coverage.

Crowd-Out generally occurs when individuals choose to be insured by Medicaid when they would otherwise have private insurance if Medicaid did not exist. There are two types of crowd-out:

- Continuation crowd-out: people who remained with Medicaid insurance when they had an offer of private insurance.
- Substitution crowd-out: people who had private insurance and intentionally dropped it so they could gain Medicaid insurance.

Measurement

Crowd-Out is a difficult concept to quantify. Any measure of transition of insurance has the potential to be an overestimate because many people gain Medicaid coverage because they lose access to their private insurance. Per HCR 57, this report provides data from potential Medicaid enrollees about their private health insurance status and participation in, or offers of, employer-sponsored insurance at both the time of their application and the time of their eligibility redetermination.

Please note that standard Medicaid renewal packets were not distributed between March 2020 and January 2021 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Data

The tables below provide data for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2021, during the period of April through June 2021. During the application and renewal processes, potential and active Medicaid enrollees are asked about their private health insurance status and participation in, or offers of, employer-sponsored insurance. Additionally, at renewal, applicants are checked against third party liability (TPL) data files which determine if the applicant is actively enrolled in private insurance.

At Application

	Number
Number of applicants during the quarterly reporting period	30,229
Number of applicants responding (any response at all) to the question asking if they have employer-sponsored insurance	50
Number of applicants responding affirmative to the question asking if they have employer-sponsored insurance	50

At Renewal

	Number
Number eligible for renewal during the quarterly reporting period	559,112
Number verified with active TPL/private insurance	82,133
E (Employer)	1,291
EC (Employer - COBRA)	4
ER (Employer - Retiree Health Plan)	2
P (Private)	1,022
U (Unknown) *	79,814
Number sent standard renewal packet	231,686
Of standard renewals, number responding (any response at all) to the question asking if they have employer-sponsored insurance	2,281
Of standard renewals, number responding affirmative to the question asking if they have employer-sponsored insurance	1,678

*While the request was to provide counts for individuals with Employer (E), Employer – COBRA (EC), Employer – Retiree Health Plan (ER) or Private (P) insurance, the Department also included a count for those with Unknown (U) coverage as there were several records that looked like they would fit one of the above categories; however, some records had “dental” in the policy name and would not fulfill intent of this report.

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