

## State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS) Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

**Are CSHCN receiving regular ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home?**

**Are services for CSHCN and their families organized in ways that families can use them easily?**

**Are families of CSHCN participating in decision making about their children's care?**

**Are families of CSHCN satisfied with the services they receive?**

**Do families of CSHCN have adequate insurance to pay for the services they need?**

**How does insurance coverage for CSHCN compare with coverage for all children?**

**Why do uninsured, low-income children lack coverage, and are families aware of Medicaid and SCHIP?**

### What is SLAITS?

This population-based survey mechanism was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to measure and monitor changes in health, health care, and well-being at state and local levels. SLAITS addresses state-specific needs for data using customized questionnaires and flexible sample selection. The SLAITS sampling frame is shared with the National Immunization Survey.

### CSHCN Survey Objectives

- State-level prevalence estimates for CSHCN
- State-level needs assessment
- Healthy People 2010 baseline measurements
- State-level insurance estimates for all children

### Survey Design

- Random-digit-dial telephone survey
- Computer-assisted telephone interviewing
- Screen all children under 18 years of age in the household for chronic conditions
- Detailed interview for one randomly selected child with special health care needs
- Brief health insurance interview for one randomly selected child without special needs
- Detailed interview about reasons for and impact of uninsurance for low-income children without health care coverage
- Statistical adjustments to account for households without telephones

### Identifying Children with Special Health Care Needs: The CSHCN Screener

- Need or use medicine prescribed by a doctor
- Need or use more medical care, mental health, or educational services than is usual for most children
- Limited or prevented in ability to do things
- Need or get special therapy
- Need or get treatment for an emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem

### Questionnaire Content

- Health and functional status
- Health insurance and adequacy
- Access and utilization
- Care coordination
- Satisfaction with care
- Impact on families

### Target Sample Sizes Per State

- Over 5,600 children in more than 3,100 households screened for special needs
- 750 detailed interviews for CSHCN
- 2,700 – 4,700 brief health insurance interviews

### Schedule

- Oct 2000 – Apr 2002: Conduct interviews
- December 2002: State and national data available

For more information, see <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/slaits.htm>, or write us at [SLAITS@cdc.gov](mailto:SLAITS@cdc.gov).



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