State Profile: **ADHD Treatment in Virginia**

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Parent-Reported Medication Use and Behavioral Treatment Use for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD) among 4-17 Year-Old Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN): National Survey of CSHCN (2009-2010)

Best Practice for ADHD Treatment

Preschoolers
(4-5 years of age):

- Behavior therapy as the first line of treatment
- Methylphenidate if behavior therapy is insufficient

Elementary school–age
(6–11 years of age):

- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved medications for ADHD
- And/or behavior therapy
- Preferably both

Adolescents
(12–18 years of age):

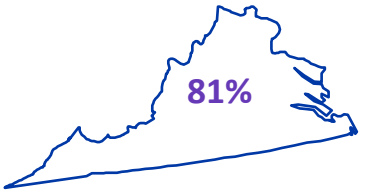
- FDA-approved medications for ADHD with the assent of the adolescent
- May prescribe behavior therapy
- Preferably both

Current Practice for ADHD Treatment

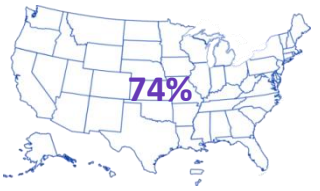
Medication Treatment

At any time during the past week, did your child [with ADHD] take medication for ADD or ADHD?

In 2009-10, **81%** of children with ADHD in Virginia took medication for ADHD during the past week, according to parent report.



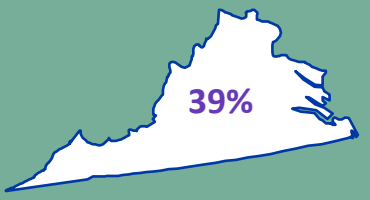
Among all states and D.C., the national average was **74%**.
Virginia ranked **11th** highest out of 51.



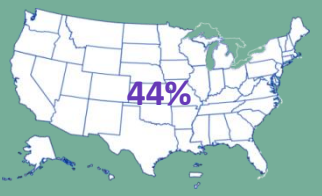
Behavioral Treatment

At any time during the past 12 months, did your child [with ADHD] receive behavioral treatment for ADD or ADHD, such as classroom management, peer interventions, social skills training, or cognitive-behavioral therapy?

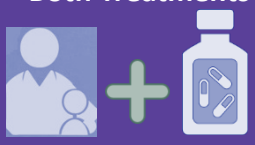
In 2009-10, **39%** of children with ADHD in Virginia received behavioral treatment for ADHD during the past 12 months, according to parent report.



Among all states and D.C., the national average was **44%**.
Virginia ranked **39th** highest out of 51.



Both Treatments

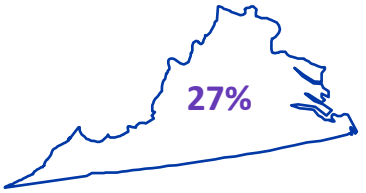


At any time during the past week, did your child [with ADHD] take medication for ADD or ADHD?

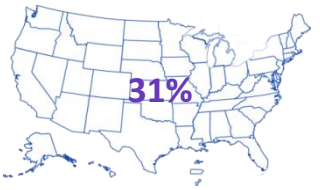
AND

At any time during the past 12 months, did your child [with ADHD] receive behavioral treatment for ADD or ADHD?

In 2009-10, **27%** of children with ADHD in Virginia received both treatments for ADHD, according to parent report.



Among all states and D.C., the national average was **31%**.
Virginia ranked **38th** highest out of 51.



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