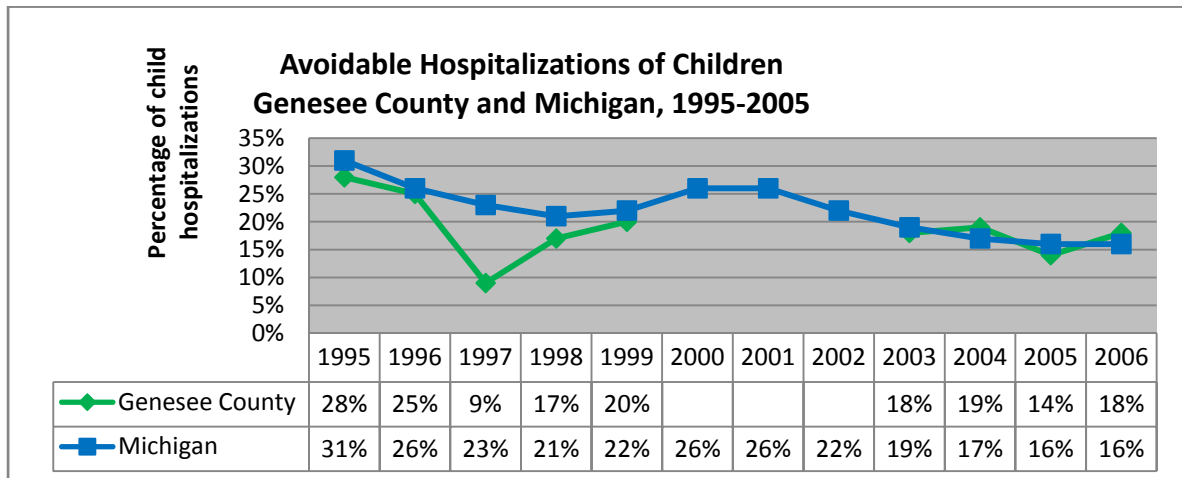


Fact Sheet 2.9 Avoidable Hospitalizations



- There is no data available for 2000-2002 in Genesee County.
- Uninsured patients are more likely to experience avoidable hospitalizations than are privately insured patients
- In 1997, there was a drastic increase in hospitalizations where the average avoidable hospitalizations stayed the same which accounts for the percentage drop.
- In 2004, the Genesee County percentage of avoidable hospitalization of children has decreased by five percent.
- The leading diagnoses associated with Genesee County child preventable hospitalizations in the most recent year are asthma, bacterial pneumonia, followed by dehydration.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

This is one of the good news areas for Genesee County's children. The continued decline in numbers of preventable hospitalization indicates that there is ambulatory/avoidable health care available for children.

EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTION EFFORTS

The rate of preventable hospitalization in Genesee County has always been low. Continued efforts to improve the quality of child health care demonstrate the effectiveness of preventative services and the availability of primary care.

Definitions:

Ambulatory Care Sensitive Hospitalizations are hospitalizations for conditions where timely and effective ambulatory care can decrease hospitalizations by preventing the onset of an illness or condition, controlling an acute episode of an illness or managing a chronic disease or condition. Primary diagnosis was used to select records for all of these preventable conditions except for dehydration, iron deficiency anemia, and nutritional deficiency which were selected by both primary and secondary diagnoses.

Hospitalizations are inpatient hospital stays as measured by stays that were completed during the specified year.

The number of hospitalizations is often greater than the number of persons hospitalized since some persons are hospitalized more than once during a year. Zero hospitalization is shown by a "—".

All Ages category includes records with unknown age.

Source: Michigan Department of Community Health

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