



Access to Care & Medicaid Rates?

Health Care Professional Data, 1996-2014

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Committee's questions:

1. How do Medicaid reimbursement rates impact access to care in Vermont?
2. Are there differences by region or specialty (esp. pediatrics)?

We don't have those answers; however... we do have data on health care workforce and access to health care at

<http://healthvermont.gov>

HV2020 Performance Dashboard:



Health Care Workforce Data: Collection & Uses

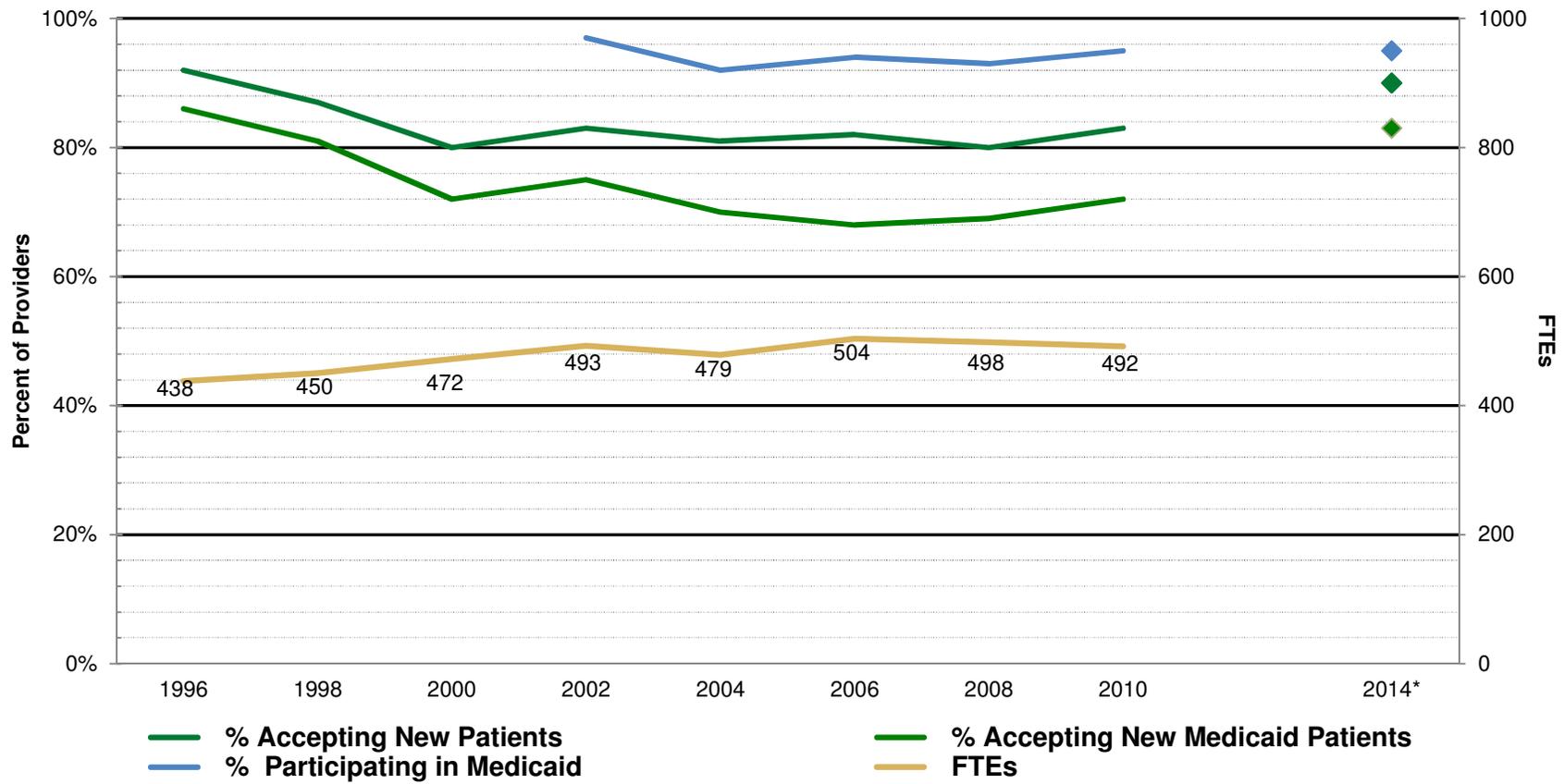
- Provider Surveys (bi-annual censuses)
 - ▣ VDH: Physicians, Dentists, Physicians Assistants
 - ▣ UVM: Nursing, AHEC PC practice surveys, etc.
 - ▣ **2014: mandated census of 35 health professions**
- Analyses, Reports, Data Sets & Maps
 - ▣ FTEs, practice location, ratios, specialties, needs, etc.
 - ▣ **Openness to new, Medicaid & Medicare patients**
- Health Professional Shortage Designations
 - ▣ **Primary Care, Dental & Mental Health ratios**
- Workforce planning, incentives, policy development

Workforce Data: Limitations

- 2014 is PRELIMINARY, waiting for complete data on:
 - Physicians, Physician Assistants, & Nurse Practitioners
- Data collected and analyzed by profession, yet practices include teams of MDs, DOs, NPs and PAs
- We don't generally ask about practice decisions like impact of Medicaid reimbursement rates
- No indication of complexity of patient panel (ie. chronic disease management in Internal Medicine practices)
- Existing data limits other inferences

Physicians - Primary Care – 1996-2014

Percent of Primary Care Physicians Accepting New Patients, Participating in Medicaid, Accepting New Medicaid Patients and Physician FTEs 1996-2010, 2014*

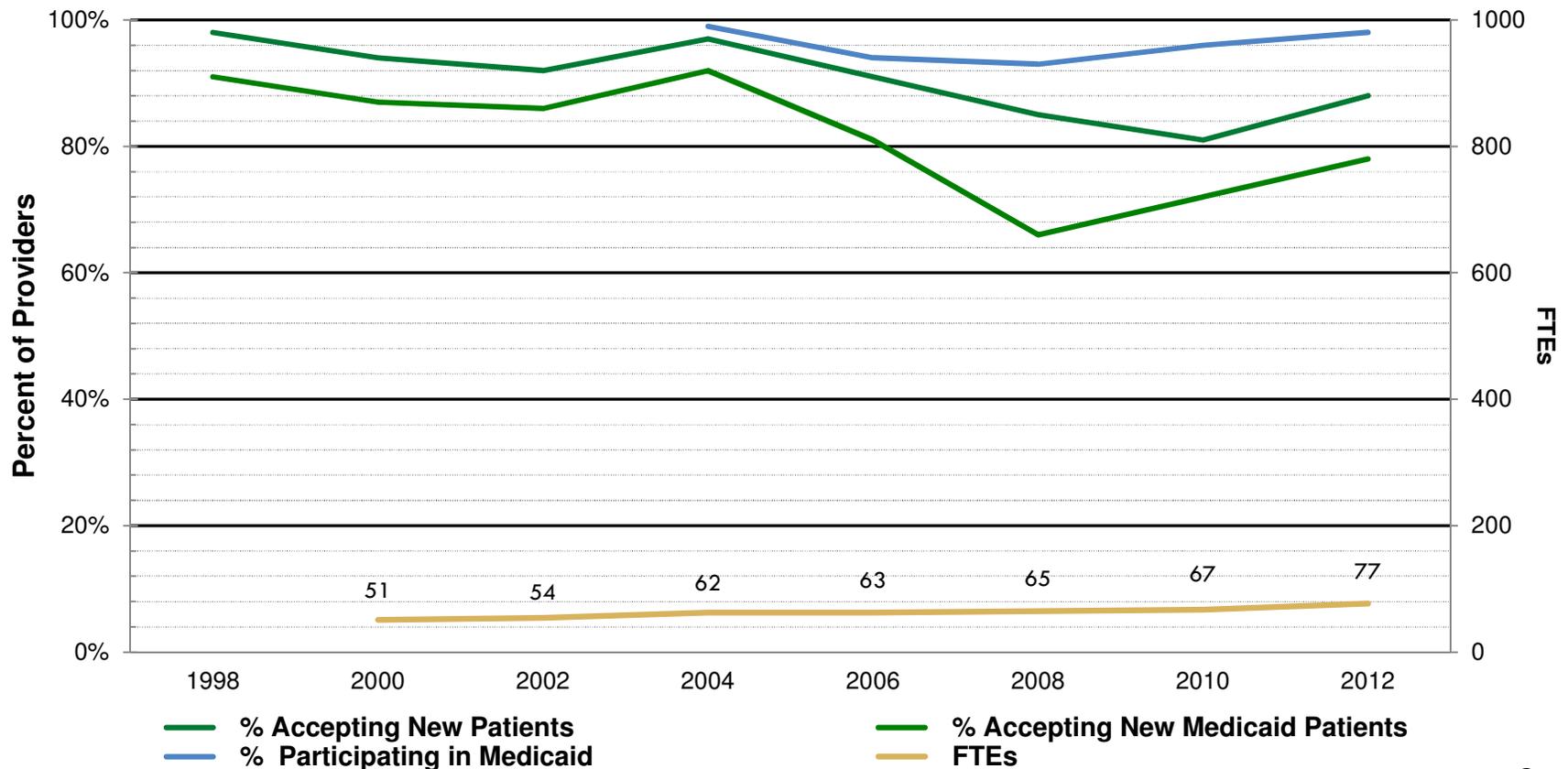


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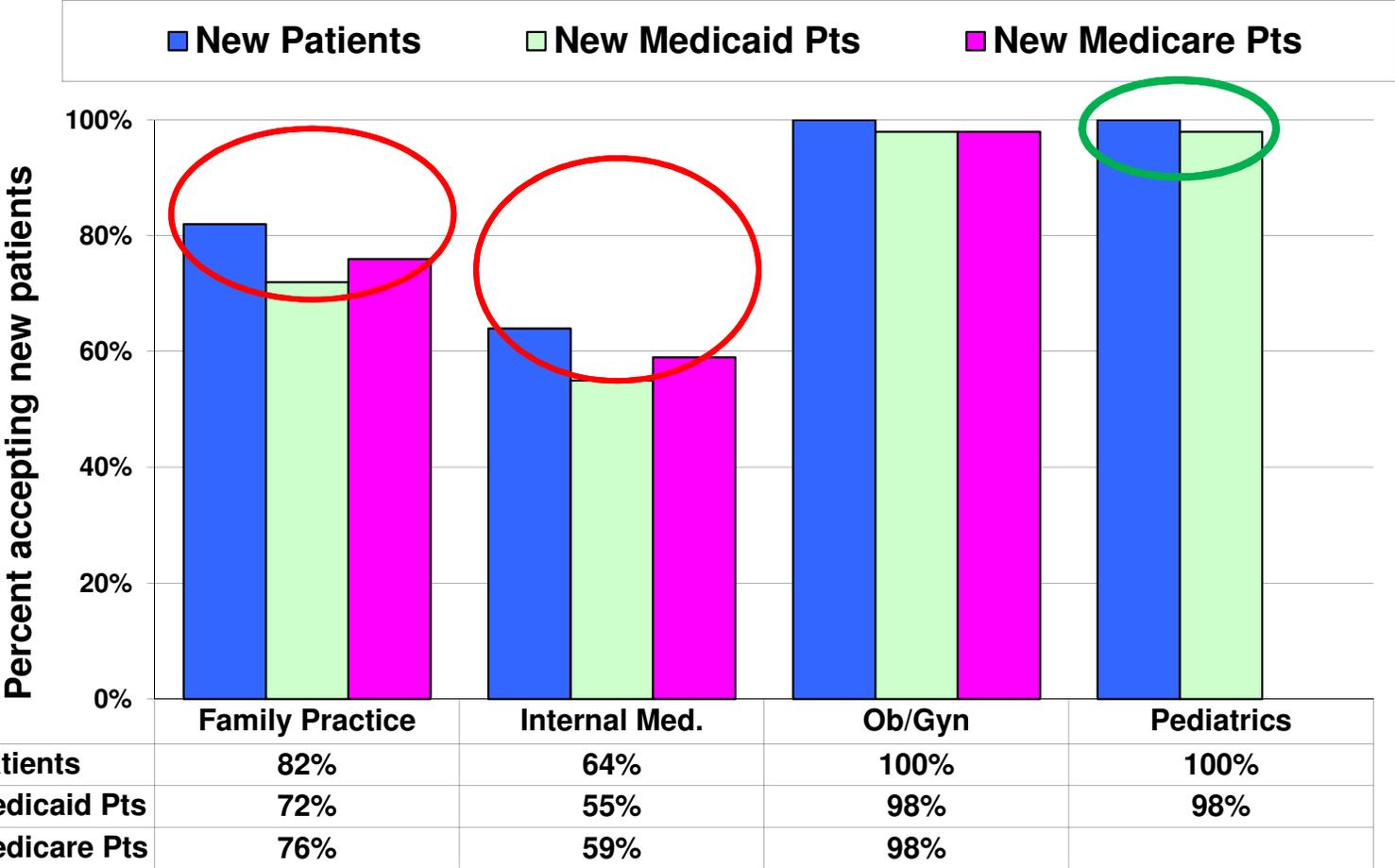
Physician Assistants - Primary Care – 1998-2012

Percent of Primary Care Physician Assistants (PAs) Accepting New Patients, Participating in Medicaid, Accepting New Medicaid Patients and Primary Care PA FTEs 1998-2012



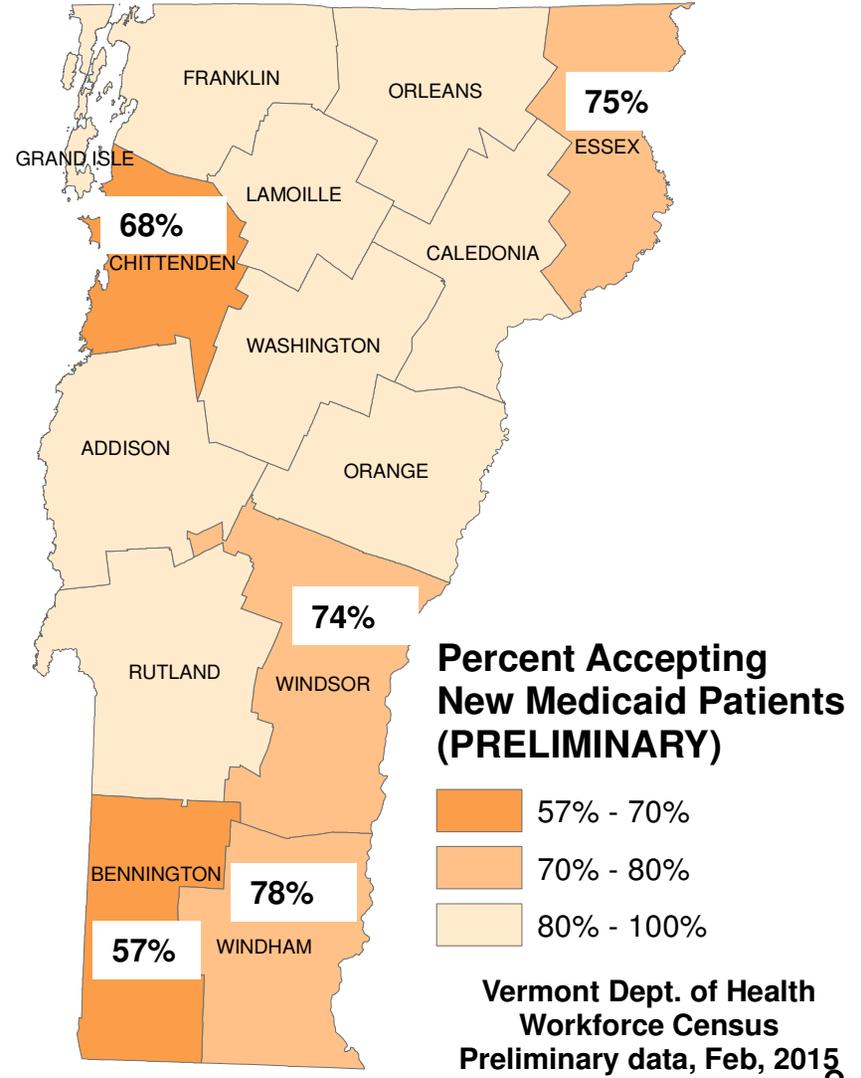
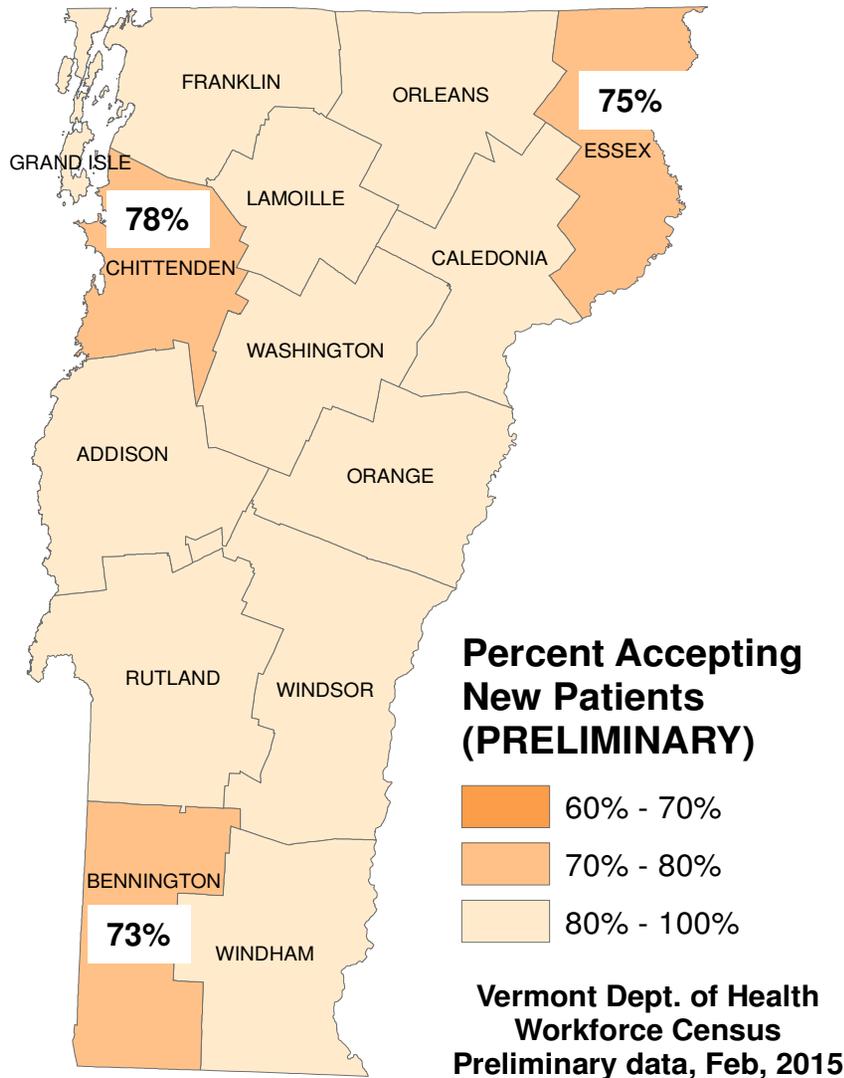
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Accepting New Patients – PC Physicians, 2014

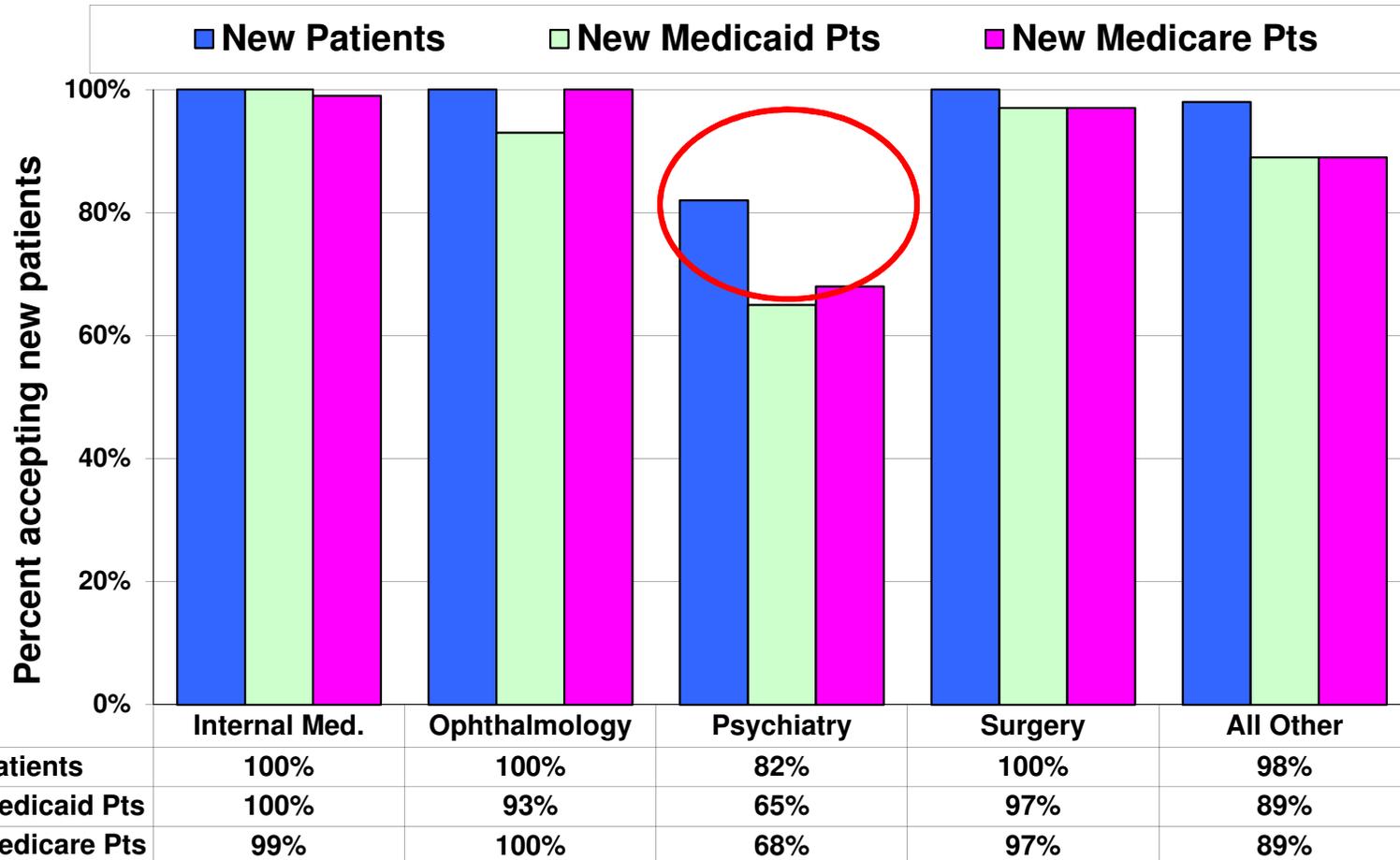


83% accepted new patients overall, 76% accepted new Medicaid, 74% new Medicare patients.

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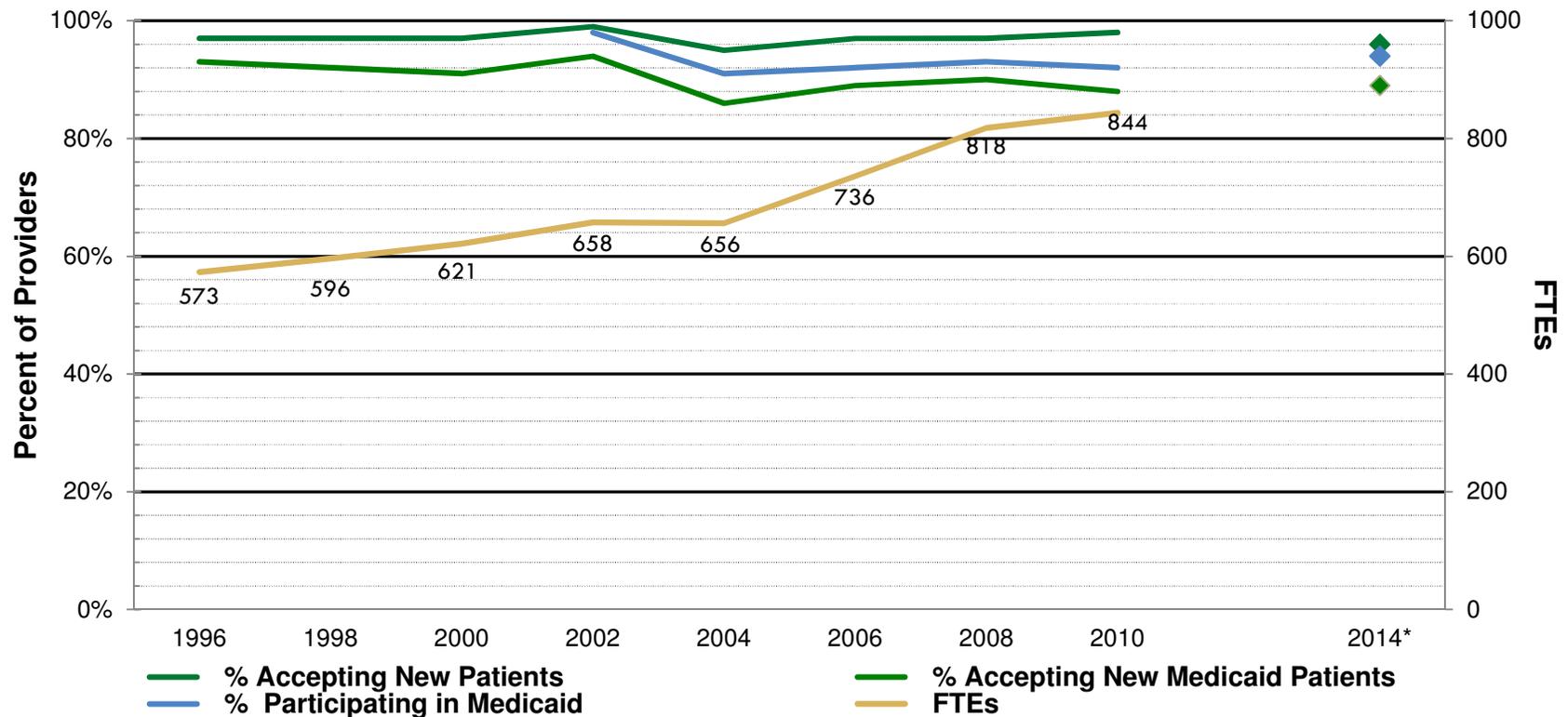
Accepting New Patients – Specialty Care, 2014



96% accepted new patients overall, 89% accepted new Medicaid, 91% new Medicare patients. Emergency Medicine, Pathology and Radiology excluded.

Physicians - Specialty Care – 1996-2014

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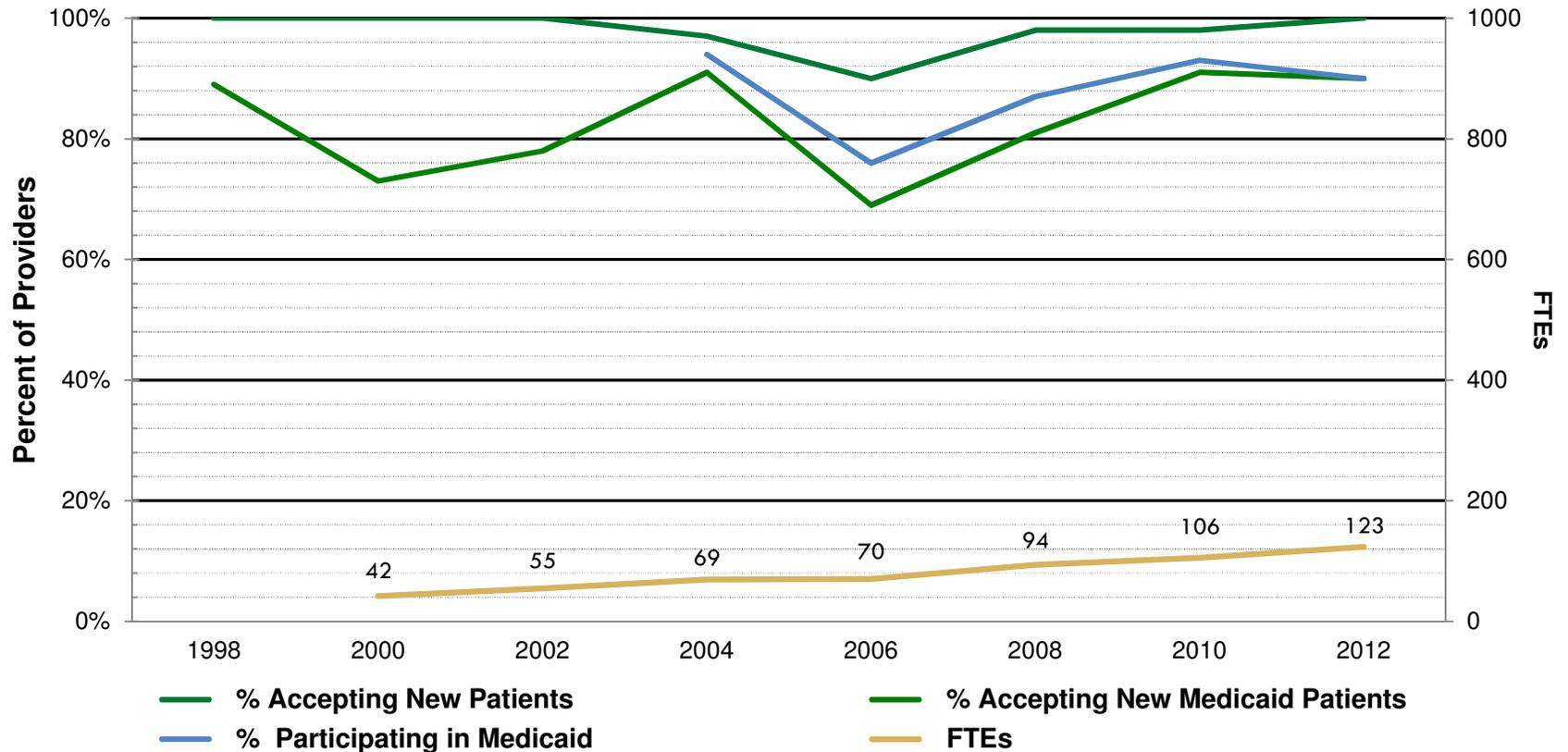


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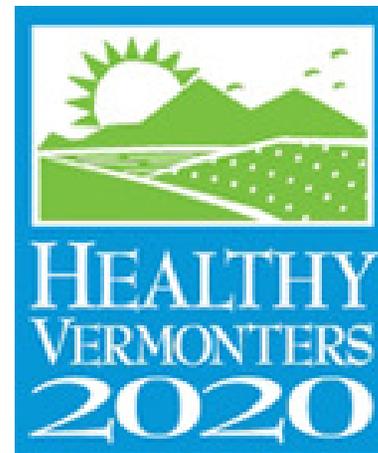
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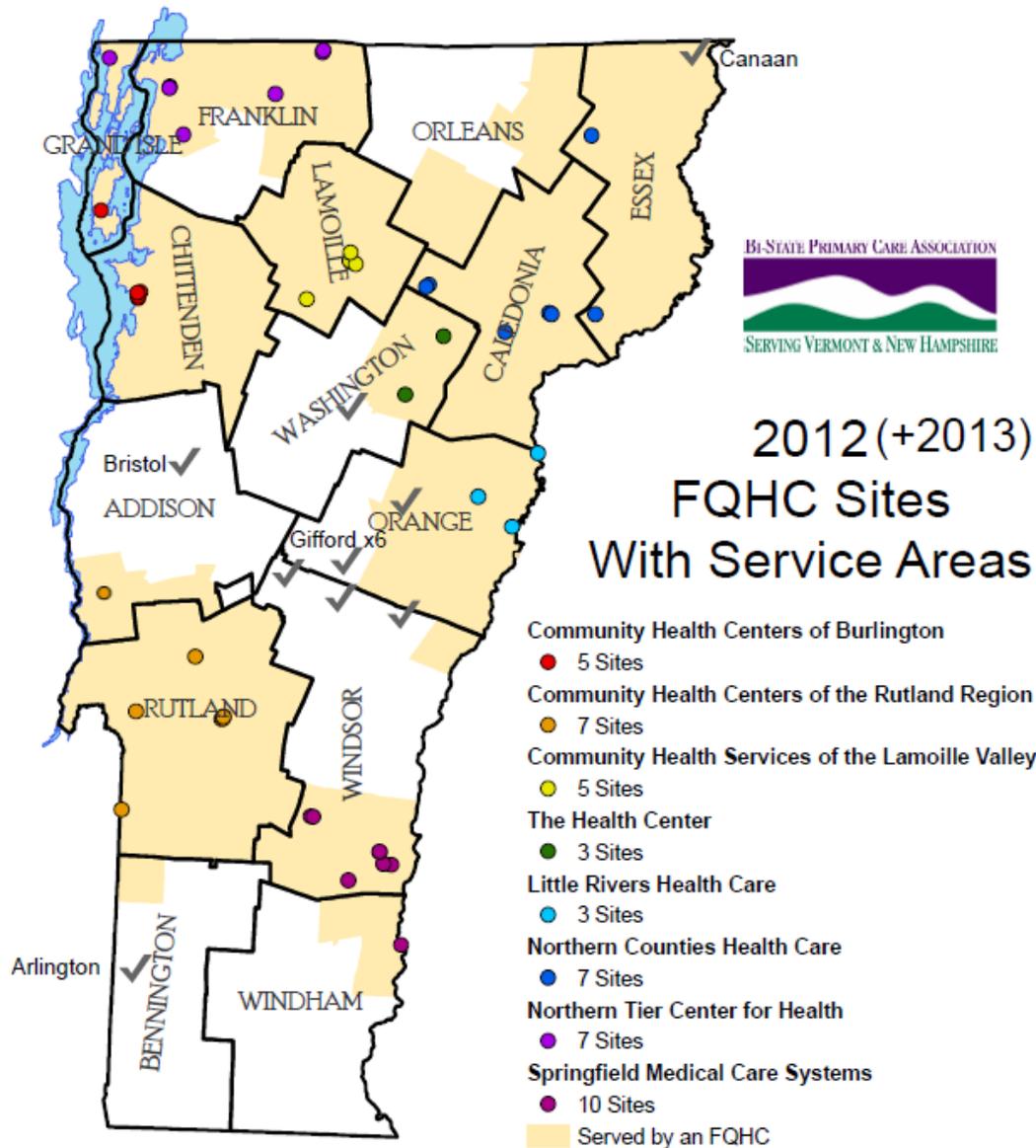
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HV2020 Performance Dashboard:





Safety net providers:
50+ FQHC sites,
14 Rural Health
Clinics (RHCs),
10 Free Clinics
10 PPNNE sites
14 Hospitals &
practices
are required to provide
care to any patient
regardless of insurance
status or ability to pay.

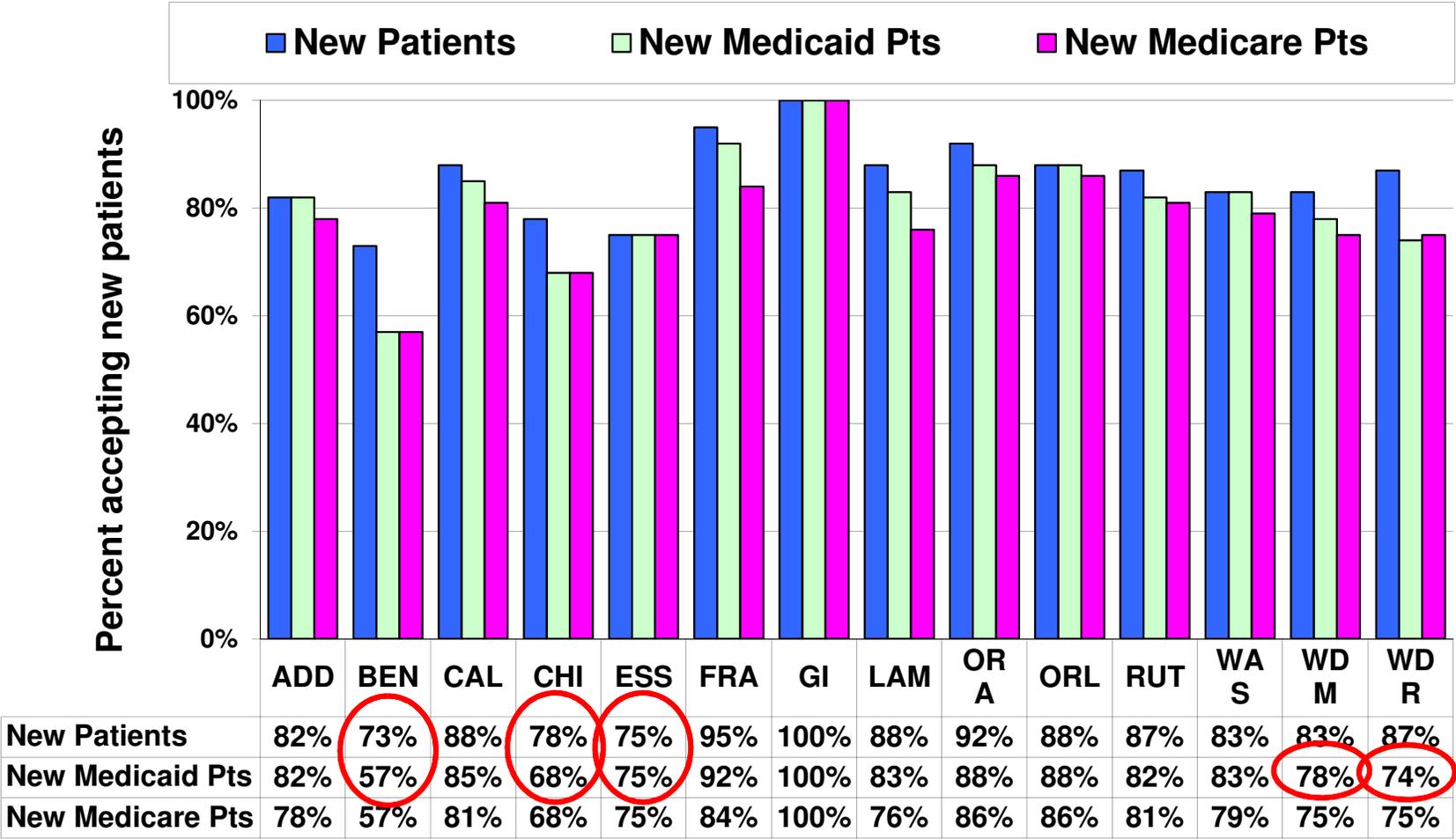
Many receive enhanced
reimbursement for
Medicare & Medicaid
patients.

✓ 9 New Access Points (NAPs)
approved November 7, 2013.
Will become FQHCs by March 2014.

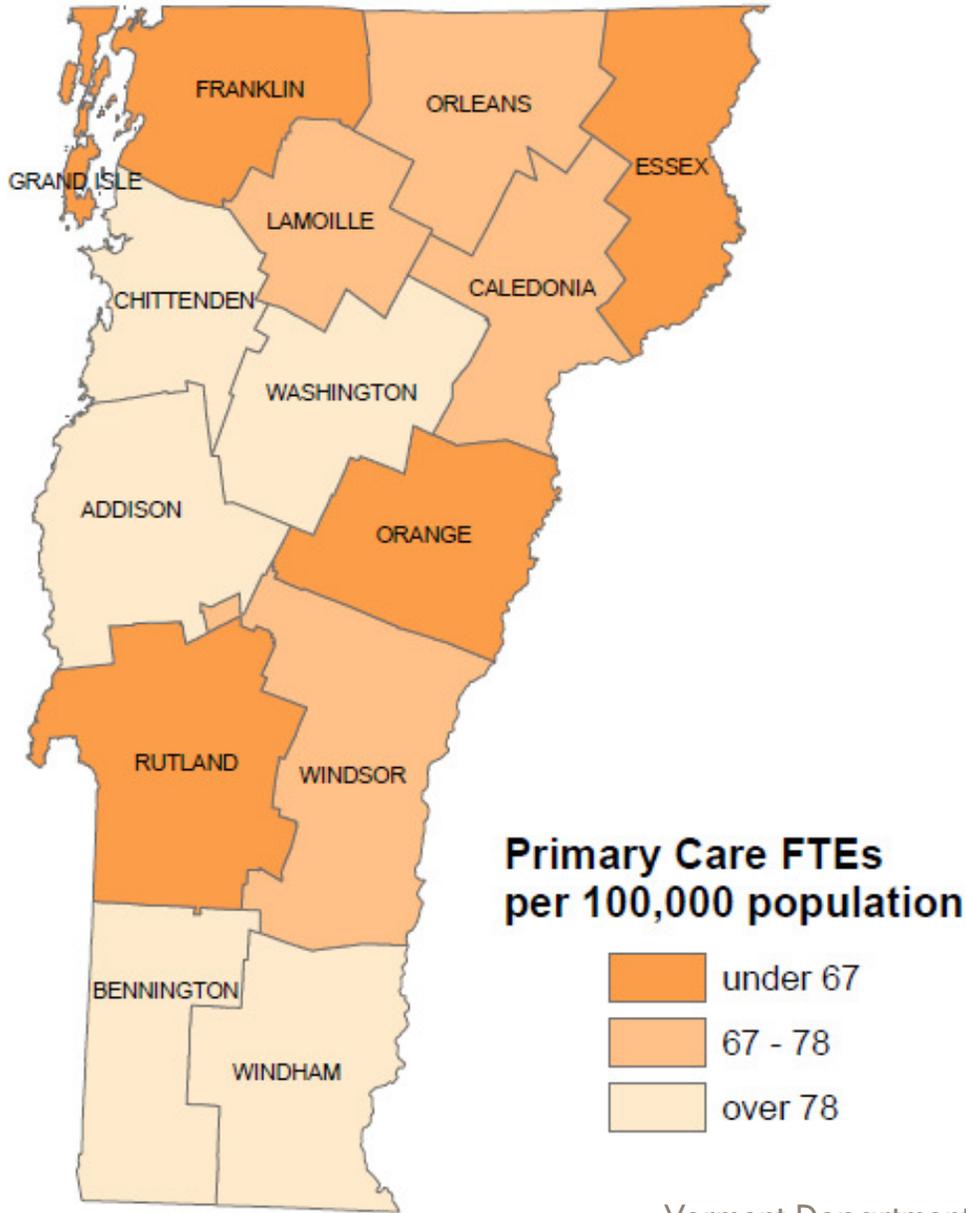
- Notes:
1. Sites with similar addresses may overlap.
 2. Sites include Dental and Mental Health Sites
 3. One SMCS Primary Care Site is located in NH.
 4. One site is a mobile dental clinic.

Updated by VDH, 12/2013; Created by Bi-State, 6-12

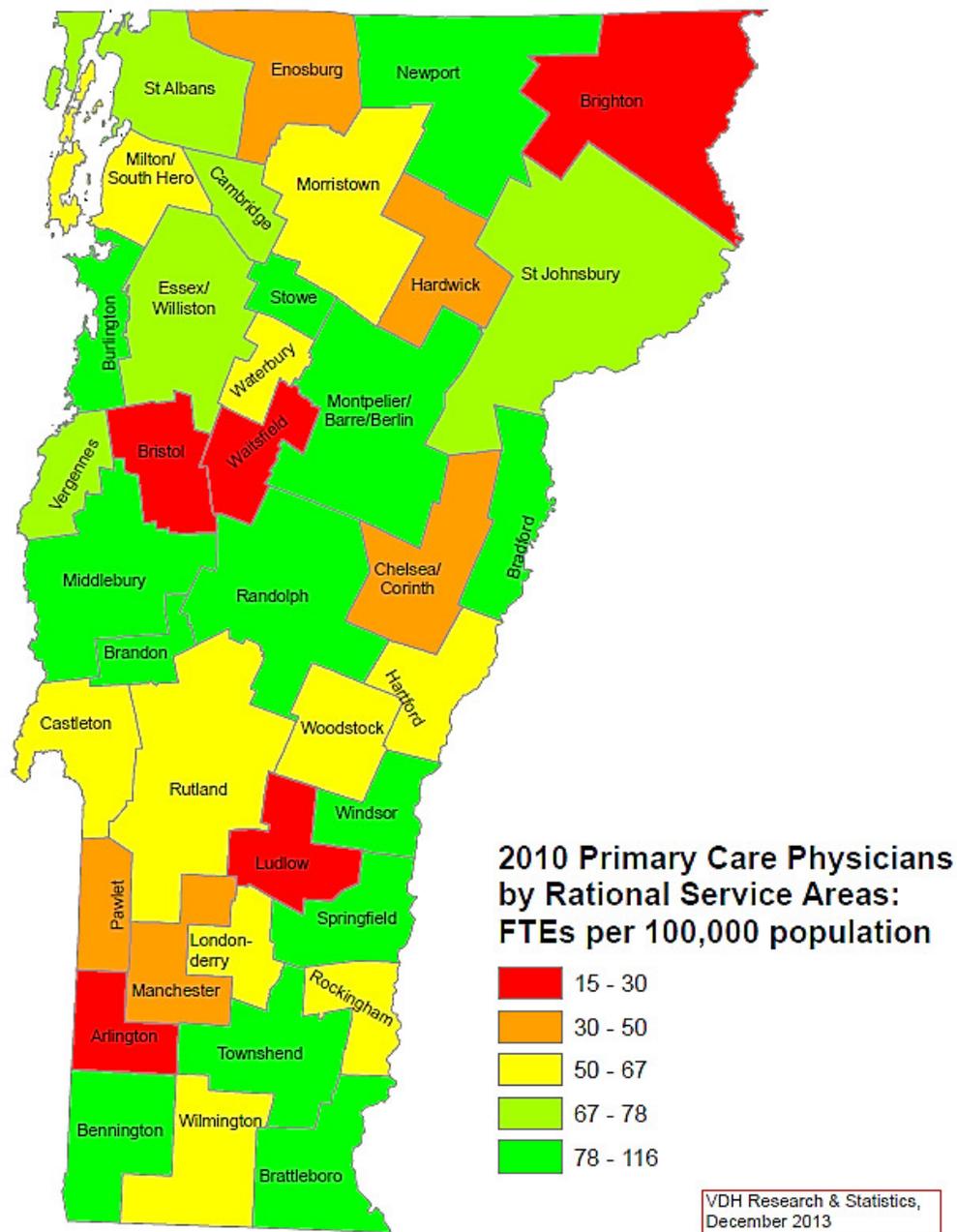
Accepting New Patients – Primary Care, by County, 2014



2010 Primary Care Physicians by County



A ratio of 78 FTEs per 100,000 population is considered an adequate supply of primary care physicians. A ratio under 78 is inadequate, and under 67 is severely inadequate, according to the 1980 Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee (GMENAC) report.



Vermont divided into ~40 Rational Service Areas (RSAs), reflecting actual patterns of care-seeking.

Highest need RSAs (fewest PC Physicians/population) shown in Red, Orange & Yellow.

VDH Research & Statistics,
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