



NGA Workgroup on LTC

**Legislative Task Force
on Long Term Care
November 9, 2004**

- LTC Study Efforts

- National Governor's Association
- Legislative Task Force on LTL
- Medicaid Crisis Intervention Team
- Senior Living Coordinating Unit
- Aging Service Cabinet
- Re-Balancing II – Nov 18-19



IOWA OBJECTIVES

- Providing real choices
- Defining barriers to real choices
- Informing consumers about options
- Evaluate LTC System in Iowa
- ***Study Screening & Assessment***



LTC System Evaluation

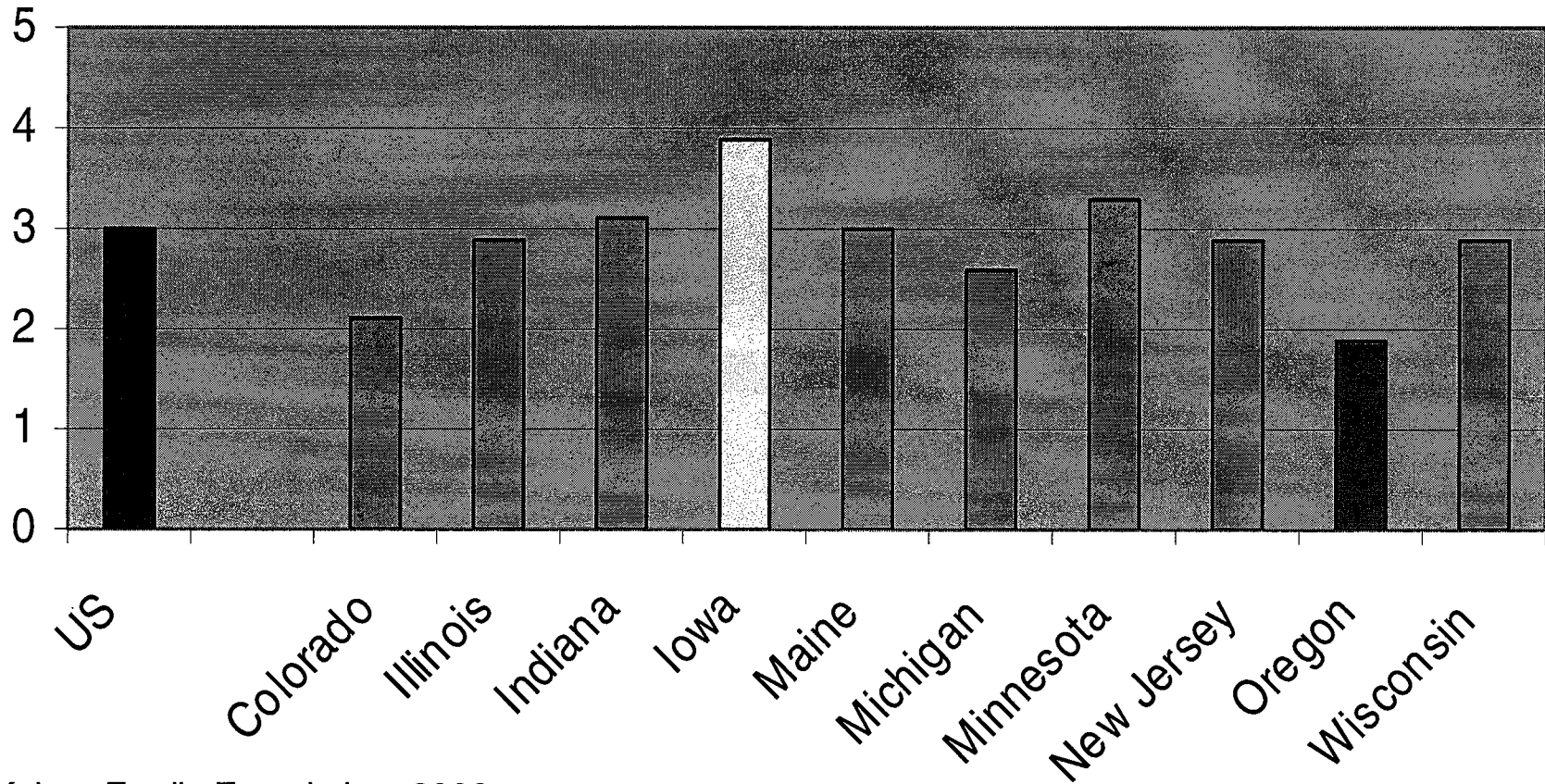
 Supply - Access

 Service Use

 Costs



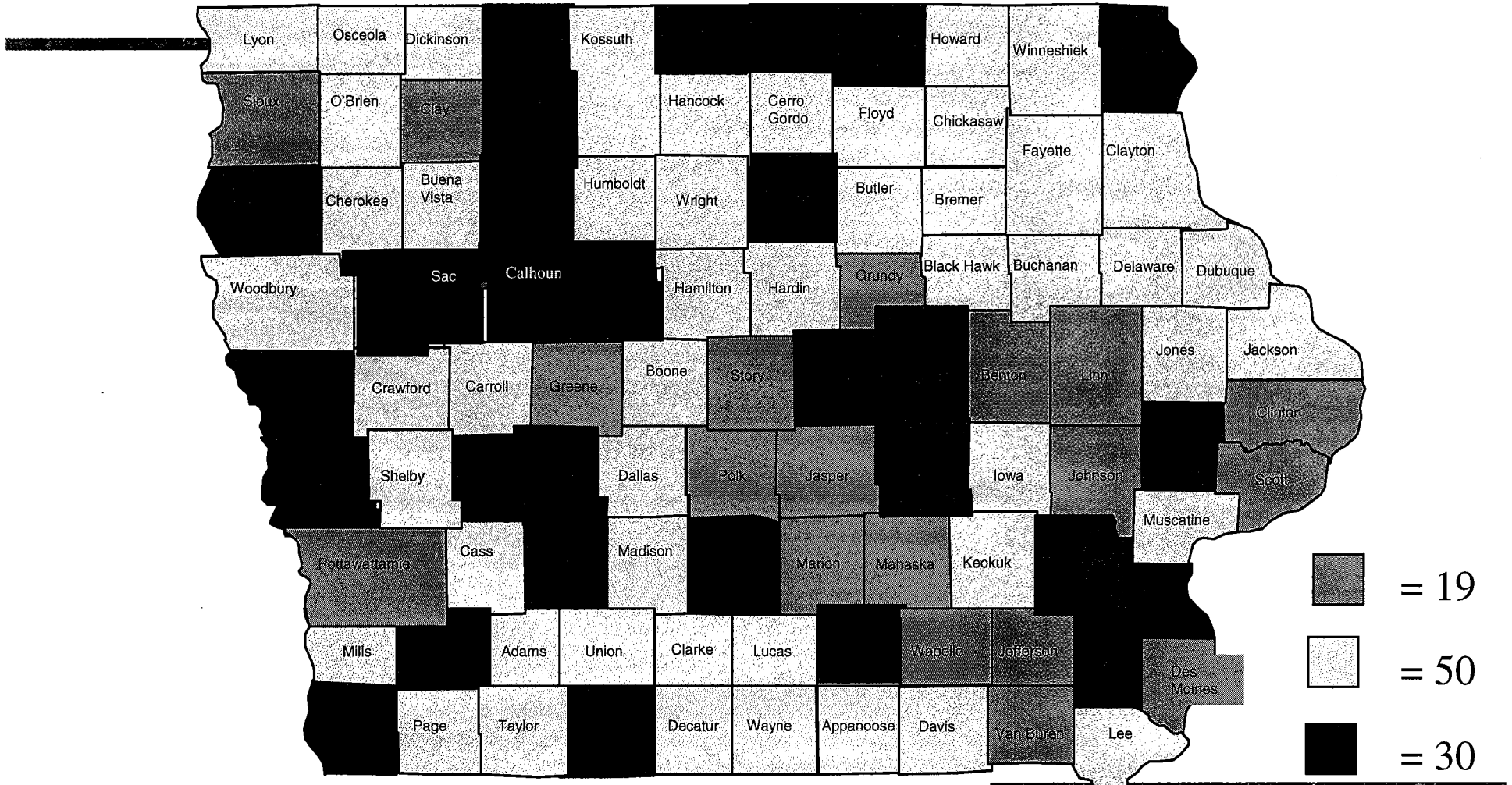
Hospital Beds Per 1,000 Capita - 2001



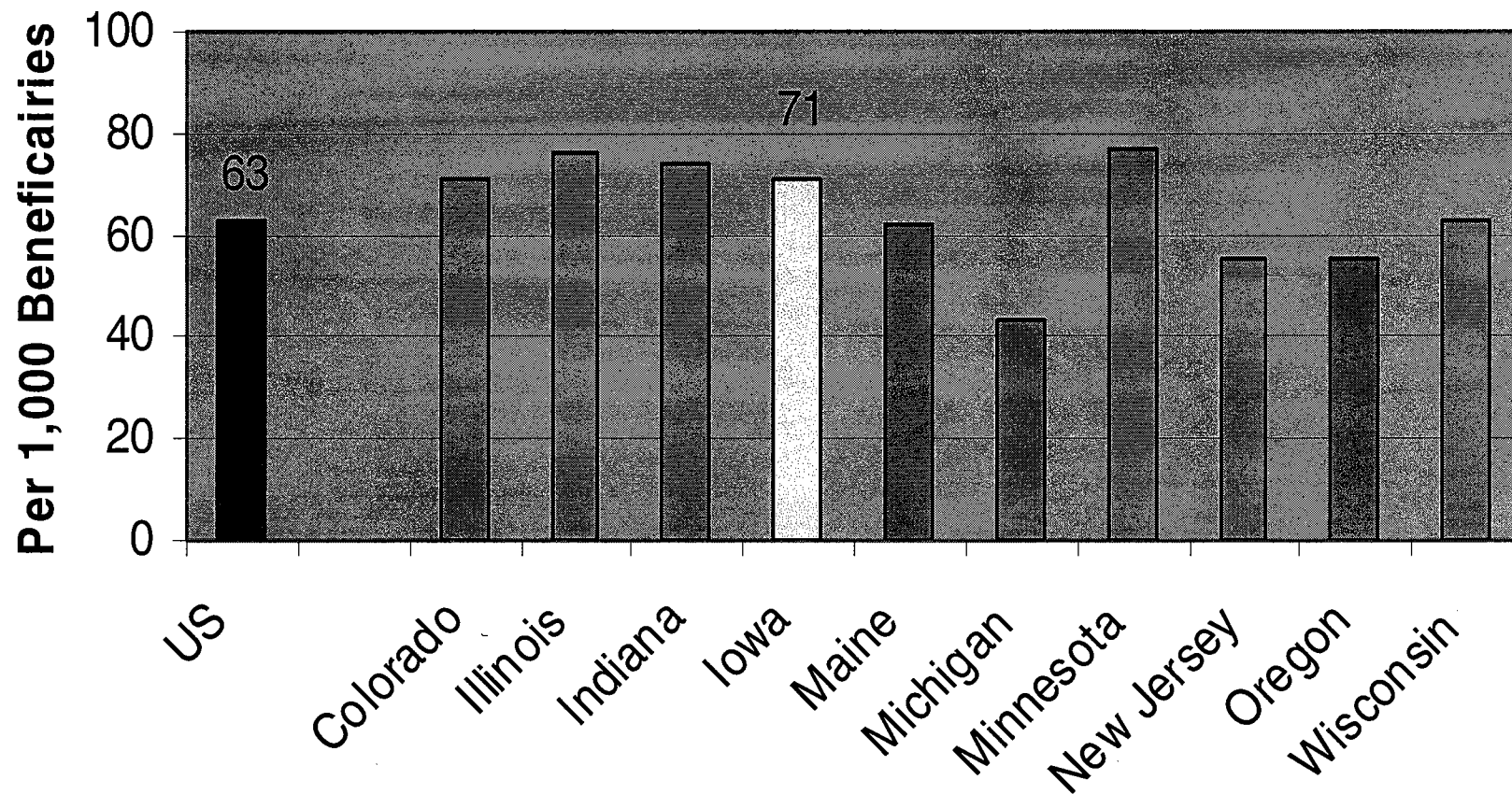
Kaiser Family Foundation, 2003



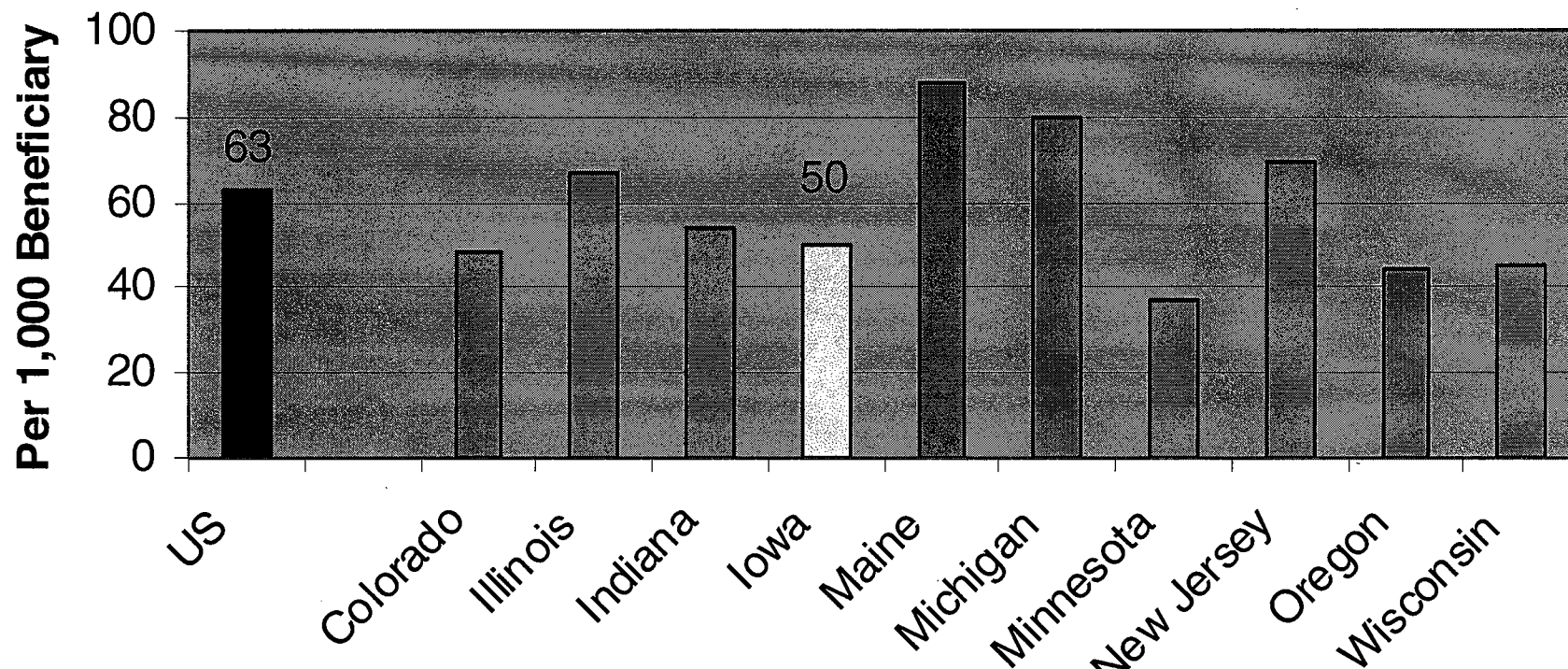
Nursing Facility/Assisted Living Supply



Medicare NF Admissions

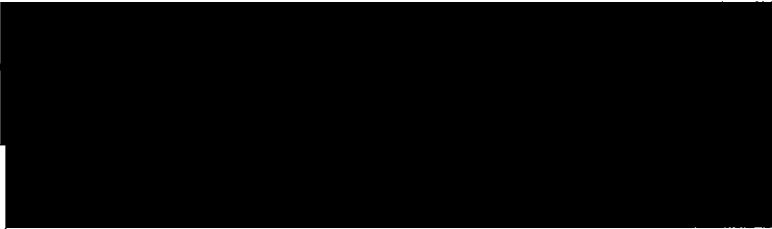
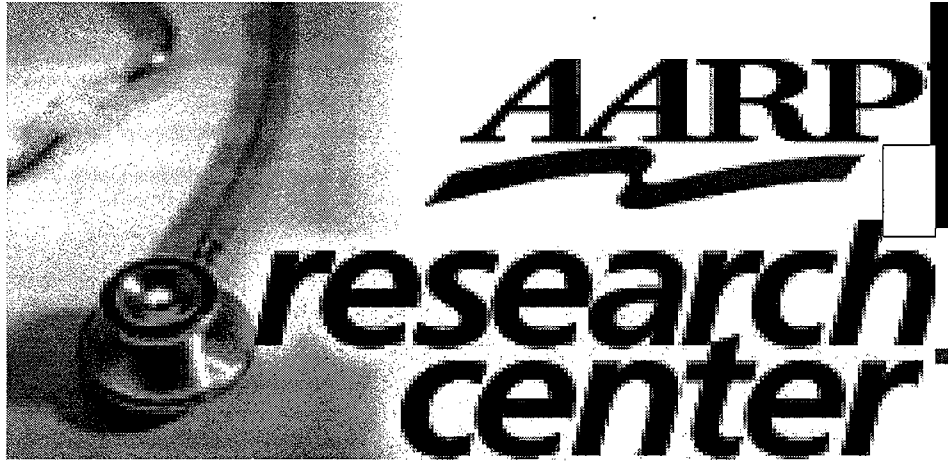


Medicare Home Health



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- Older lowans who used LTC = 40%
- Received care in NF = 70%
- Preference for NF Care = 8%

Service Use

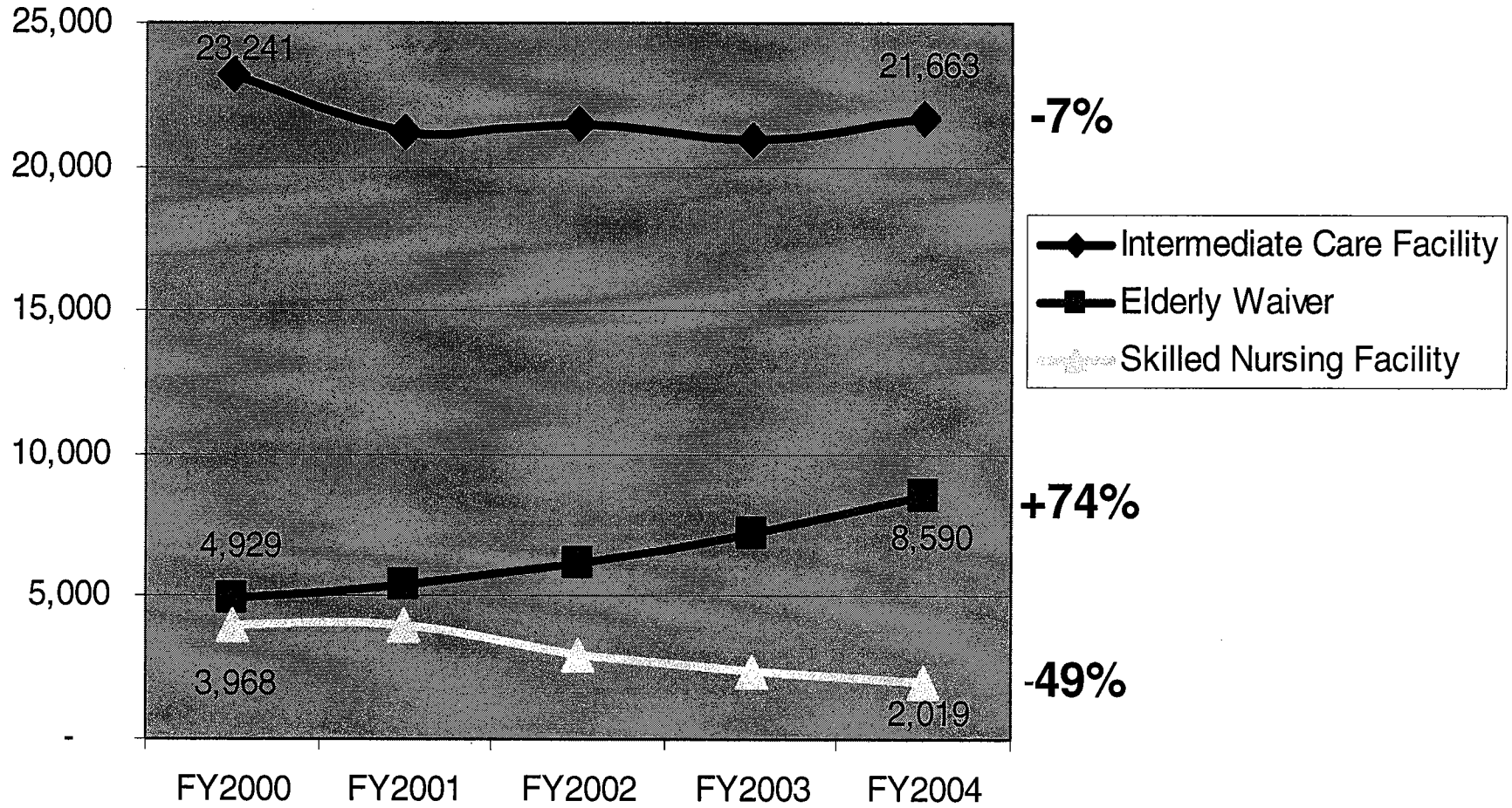
■ LTC Service Use Trends

■ Residential Location

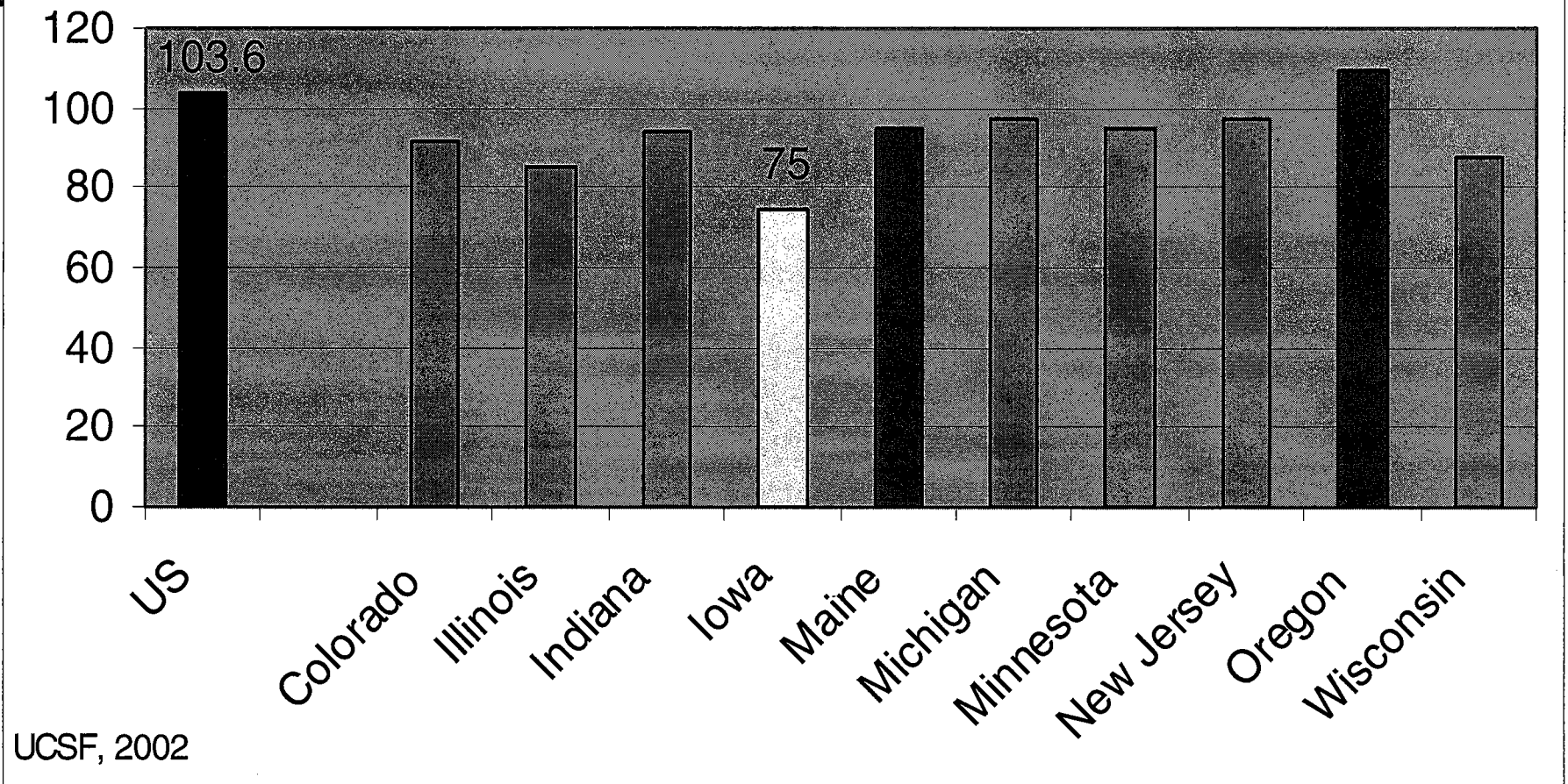
■ Service Needs



LTC Service Users 2000-2004



Average Acuity Index



Re-Balancing LTC

- Re-Balancing has started
 - 9% decrease in nursing facility residents 99-04
 - 5% annual increase in expenditures (99-04)
 - 43% increase in Elderly Waiver recipients 99-04
 - 27% annual increase in expenditures (99-04)
 - 2,500 de-licensed NH beds – 15 closures (since 1999)
 - Senior Living Trust, Conversions, CMPFE, Elderly Waiver, Market Forces, HCBS access

Allocations

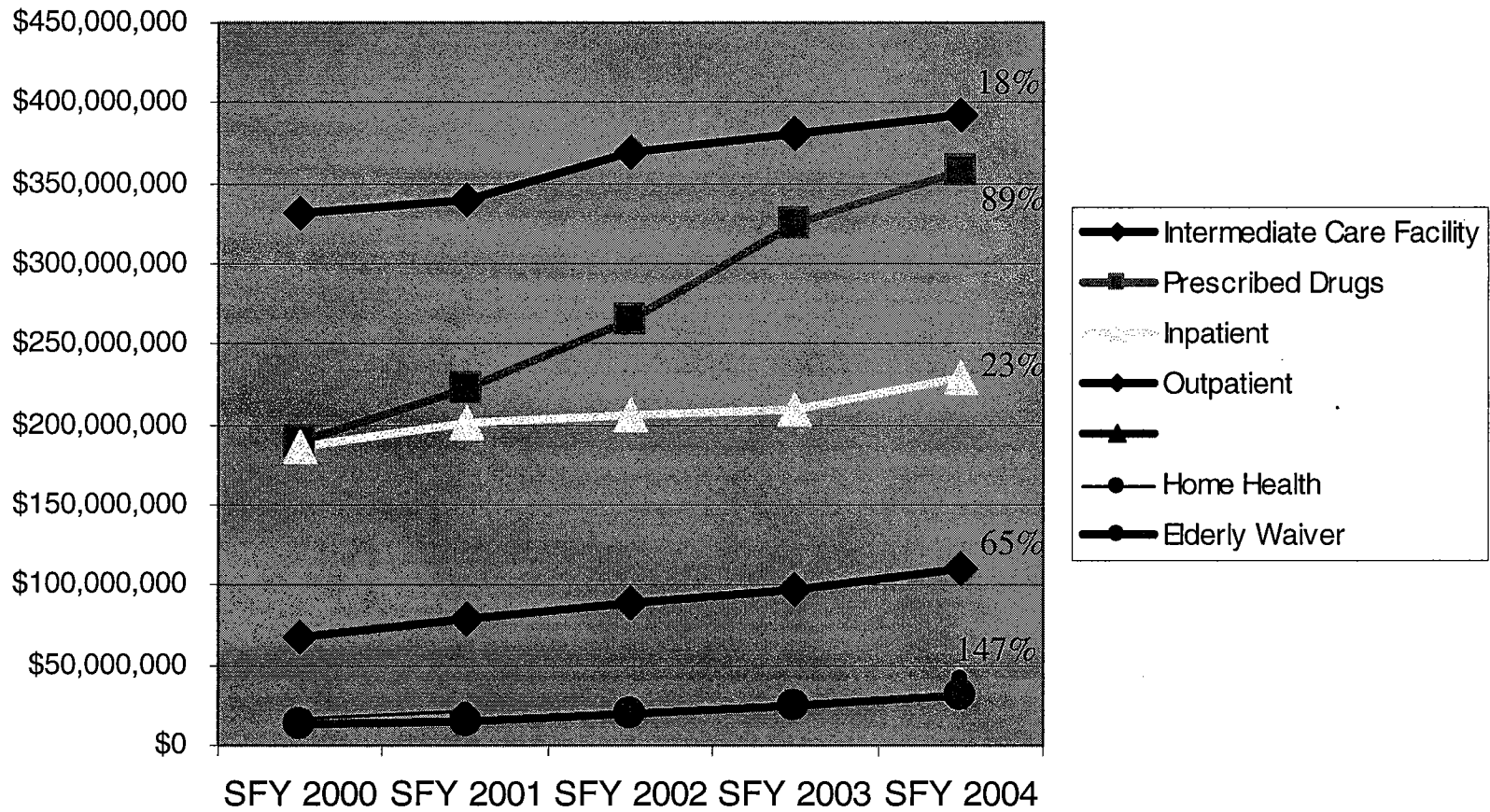
■ Long-Term Care Spending

■ Affordability

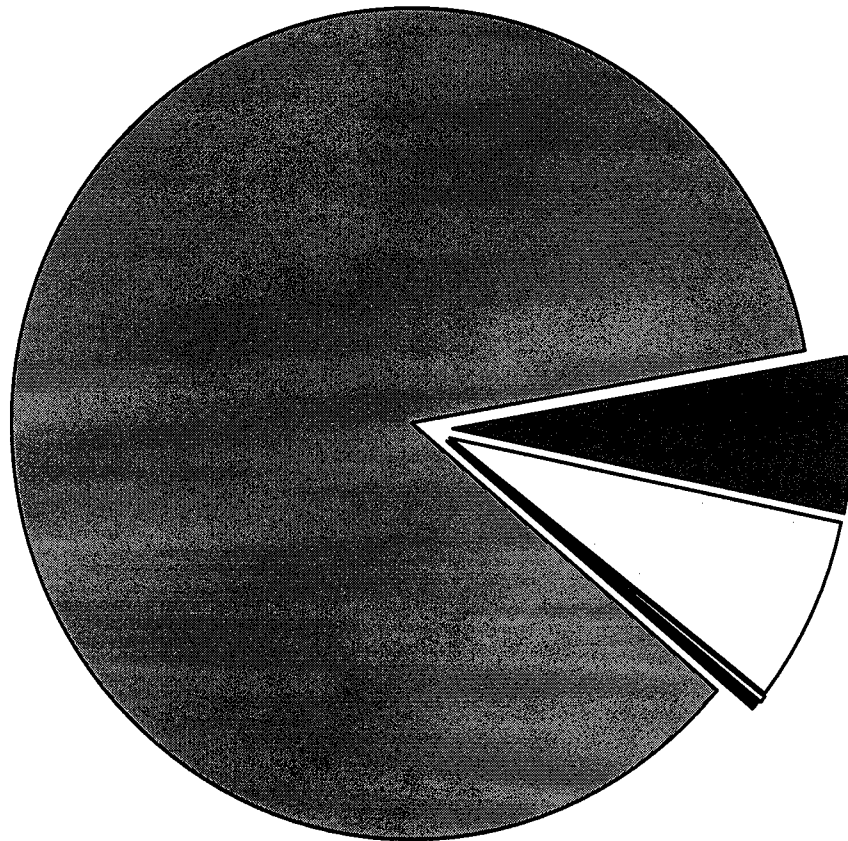
■ Efficiency



Expenditures 2000-2004



Medicaid LTC Allocations 2003



■ Nursing Facilities

■ Home & Community Based Waiver Services

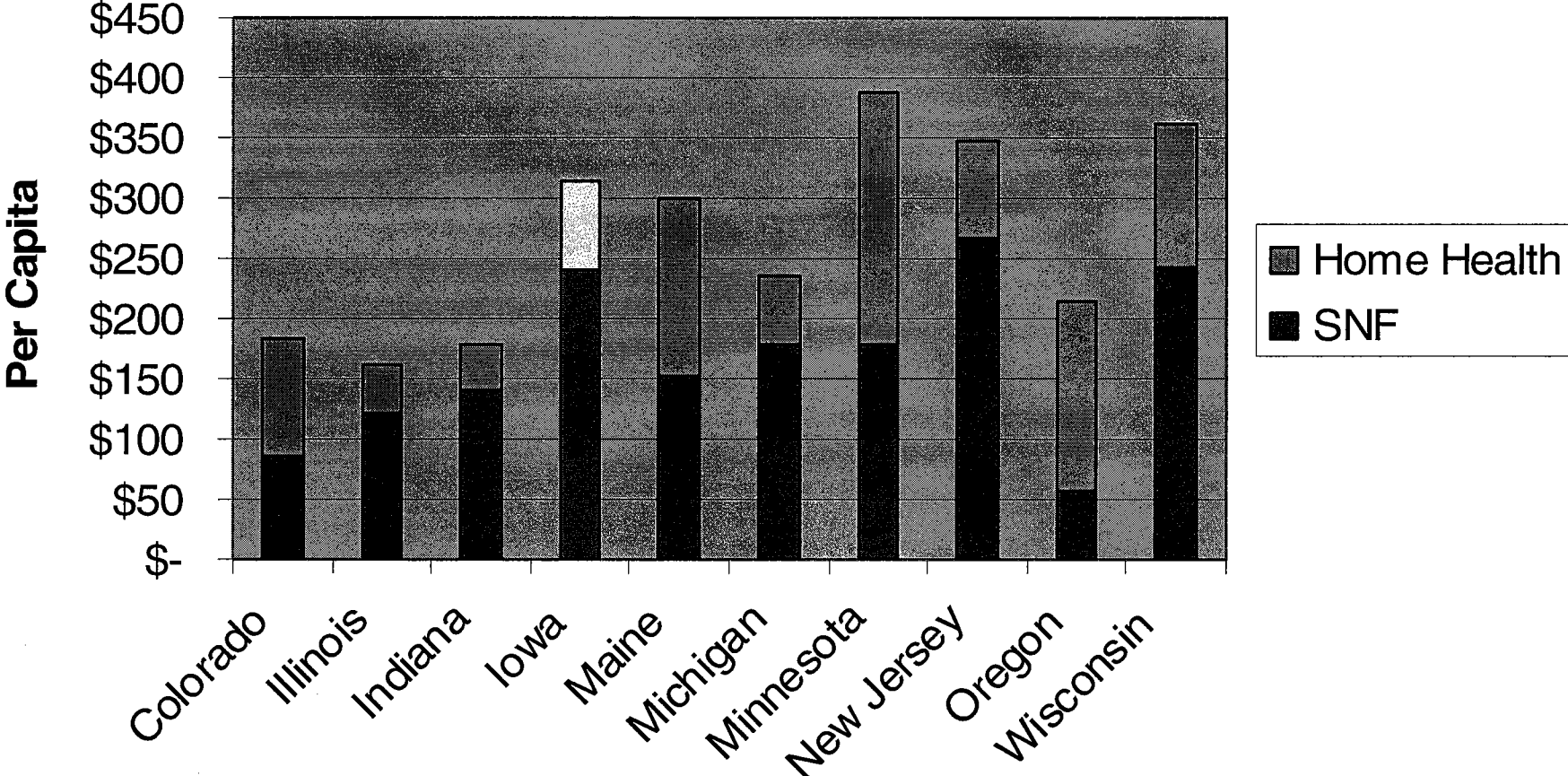
□ Home Health Services

□ Rehabilitation Services

■ Residential Care



Medicaid LTC Spending, 2002

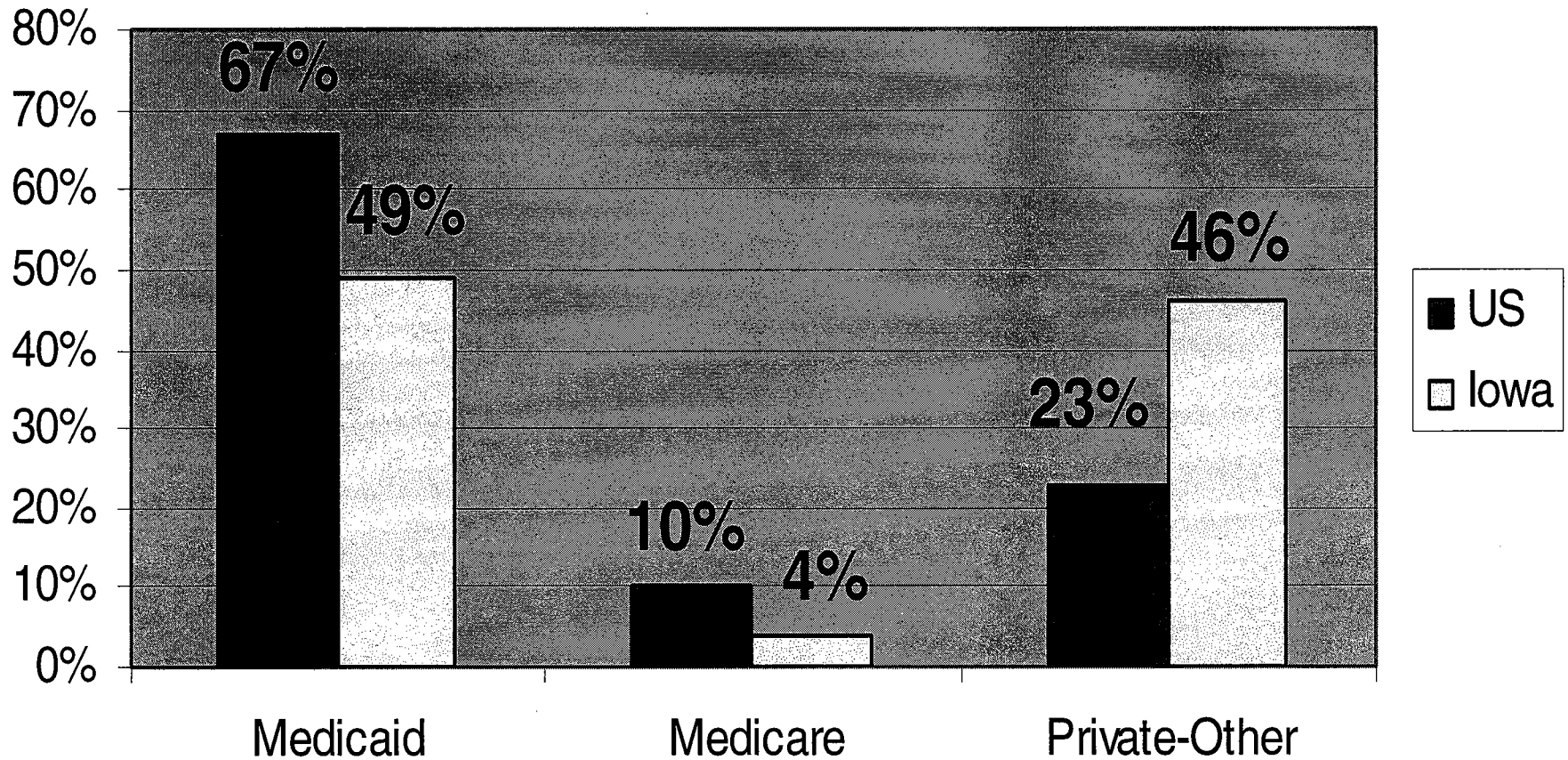


Family Centered Care

- Families are responsible and need help
 - 25% < \$856/Mo
 - Average net worth = \$30,000
 - Half rely on SS for more than 50% of income
 - 34% < \$20,000/year
 - Nursing home care = \$50,000/year
 - 5 months to spend down
 - “Recovery” as barrier to services
 - Divorce allows asset protection



NF Residents Payment Source, 2001



CLINICAL PROCESS

- How do people get into LTC?
- Is the process reliable?
- Is the process valid?



PROJECT SEAMLESS

■ AARP Telephone Survey

■ 300 LTC decision makers

■ 10 different doors into LTC

■ Keys were all different



Survey Implications

■ Doctors, Discharge Planners, Self-referral

■ Need: Public information and professional training

■ Need: ***Standard screening and assessment tool***



Principles of UA Tool

- Reliable
- Valid
- Tie-In with other data
- Do-able



MI CHOICE

BRIEF SCREENING

 LTC Need

IN-PERSON ASSESSMENT

 Critical clinical domains



Key Elements of MI Choice

- Social Functioning
- Informal Support
- Environment
- Cognitive Status
- Communication
- Mood
- Disease
- Health
- Nutrition
- Dental
- Vision
- Skin
- Continence
- Physical Functioning
- Services
- Medications
- Vitals



Key Features of MI-Choice

- Generates a service needs score
- Clinician Override
- Tie-in with other data points
- Up and running in other states



What's Missing?

 Self determination

 Financial Status



Study Sites

- Large inpatient hospital
- Community-based program
- Assisted living facility
- Continuing care community



POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Existing assessments consistently overlook key elements

-  Social Functioning

-  Mood

Variability

-  Hospital did not assess home environment






-  Community program did not assess medical

-  Assisted living little health history



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

Names

-  Long Term Care Functional Screen
-  Long term Care Consultation Assessment tool
-  Comprehensive Assessment Tool
-  Community Options Counseling
-  Other??

NGA Workgroup Recommendations

- Population
 - Only elderly population initially
 - As a prerequisite to entering any licensed nursing facility, Assisted Living Facility, home and community based waiver service.



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

Instrument

MI Choice + I-OASIS



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

- Requirement for all admissions to:
 - Nursing Facilities
 - HCB Services
 - Assisted Living



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

■ How do decisions get made?

■ Initial screening, then full evaluation.

■ Scoring System – NH Level of Care

■ Clinical Team Oversight



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

■ Who is on the clinical team?

■ Independent Evaluators

■ RFP by regions

■ Social work *or* nursing degrees or equivalent ability.

■ Specialty training



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

- How to pay for the UA

 - Departmental allocation

 - Office of Universal Assessment

 - Dept of ???

- Free to the elderly

- Medicaid/Medicare Reimbursement (?)



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

■ Project SEAMLESS

■ INTEGRATE MI-Choice w/ I-OASIS

■ EXPAND I-OASIS


■ Coordinate with CMPFE, public health departments, private health providers, Aging/Disability Resource Center and others.



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

Enforcement

 Required by rule of:

 Licensed SNFs, ICFs, ALFs, Day Care,
Home Health (?)

 Sanctions for non-compliance

 Delayed and lower Medicaid payments



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

 Unfinished Business

 Fast Track Eligibility

 SEAMLESS



NGA Workgroup Recommendations

Unfinished Business

 HCBS Supply – Access

 Reimbursement Rates

 Unmet Needs

 Waiting Lists





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