Public Policy, Immigration, and Uninsurance: Chipping Away at Disparities

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METHODS

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Chart 1. Uninsurance among immigrant children in states without substitute programs.

Chart 2. Uninsurance among immigrant children in states with substitute programs.

Chart 3. Public health insurance among immigrant children in states without substitute programs.

Chart 4. Public health insurance among immigrant children in states with substitute programs.

CONCLUSIONS

- Recent immigration was a risk factor for uninsurance prior to enactment of PRWORA and remained so after its enactment.
- State substitute programs did not mitigate the effect of PRWORA on uninsurance or public health insurance rates among immigrant children.
- Enactment of PRWORA was associated with a significant decrease in public health insurance rates for immigrant children regardless of recency of immigration.