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Data Spotlight

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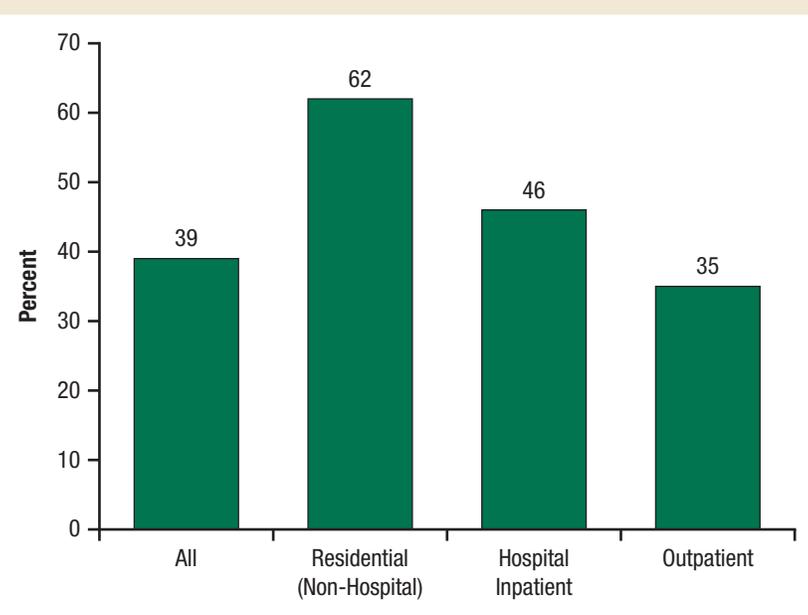
39 Percent of Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities Offer Transportation Assistance to Treatment

People who need substance abuse treatment may not get the help they need because they cannot get to the treatment facility. About 10 percent of adults who needed and tried unsuccessfully to get treatment reported transportation as a reason for not getting treatment.¹ To address this problem, some treatment facilities offer transportation assistance. This help might include vans or public transportation tokens or passes.

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is a survey of all known substance abuse treatment facilities. In 2011, 13,720 facilities responded to the survey. Of these, 39 percent offered transportation assistance to treatment. Nearly two thirds (62 percent) of the facilities that provided residential (non-hospital) treatment offered transportation assistance. Smaller percentages of the facilities that provided hospital inpatient treatment and the facilities that provided outpatient treatment offered transportation assistance (46 and 35 percent, respectively).

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is expected to increase the number of people with health insurance coverage. Because of this, more people might seek substance abuse treatment. However, health insurance coverage does not solve the transportation problems of people who need treatment. To meet the transportation needs of the growing number of people likely to seek treatment, providers should consider maintaining existing transportation services or adding such services.

Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities Offering Transportation Assistance to Treatment, by Type of Care: 2011



1. Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (2012). *Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of national findings* (HHS Publication No. SMA 12-4713; NSDUH Series H-44). Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Source: 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). N-SSATS is an annual survey of all substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States, both public and private, that are known to SAMHSA. N-SSATS is one component of the Behavioral Health Services Information System (BHSIS), an integrated data system maintained by the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, SAMHSA. Information and data for this report are based on data reported to N-SSATS for the survey reference date March 31, 2011. For more information on N-SSATS, see <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/DASIS/2k11nssats/NSSATS2011Web.pdf>.

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