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# *The Region IV Healthcare Marketplace*

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# *The Region IV Marketplace Healthcare*

- I. What is “Region IV”?
- II. What is the Region IV “healthcare marketplace”?
- III. The “Medically Indigent” & University Medical Center
- IV. Where do patients go for care?

*I. What is “Region IV”?*

# Louisiana DHH Regions

- The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) has organized the state into nine administrative regions.

- DHH Region IV

consists of:

Acadia Parish

Evangeline Parish

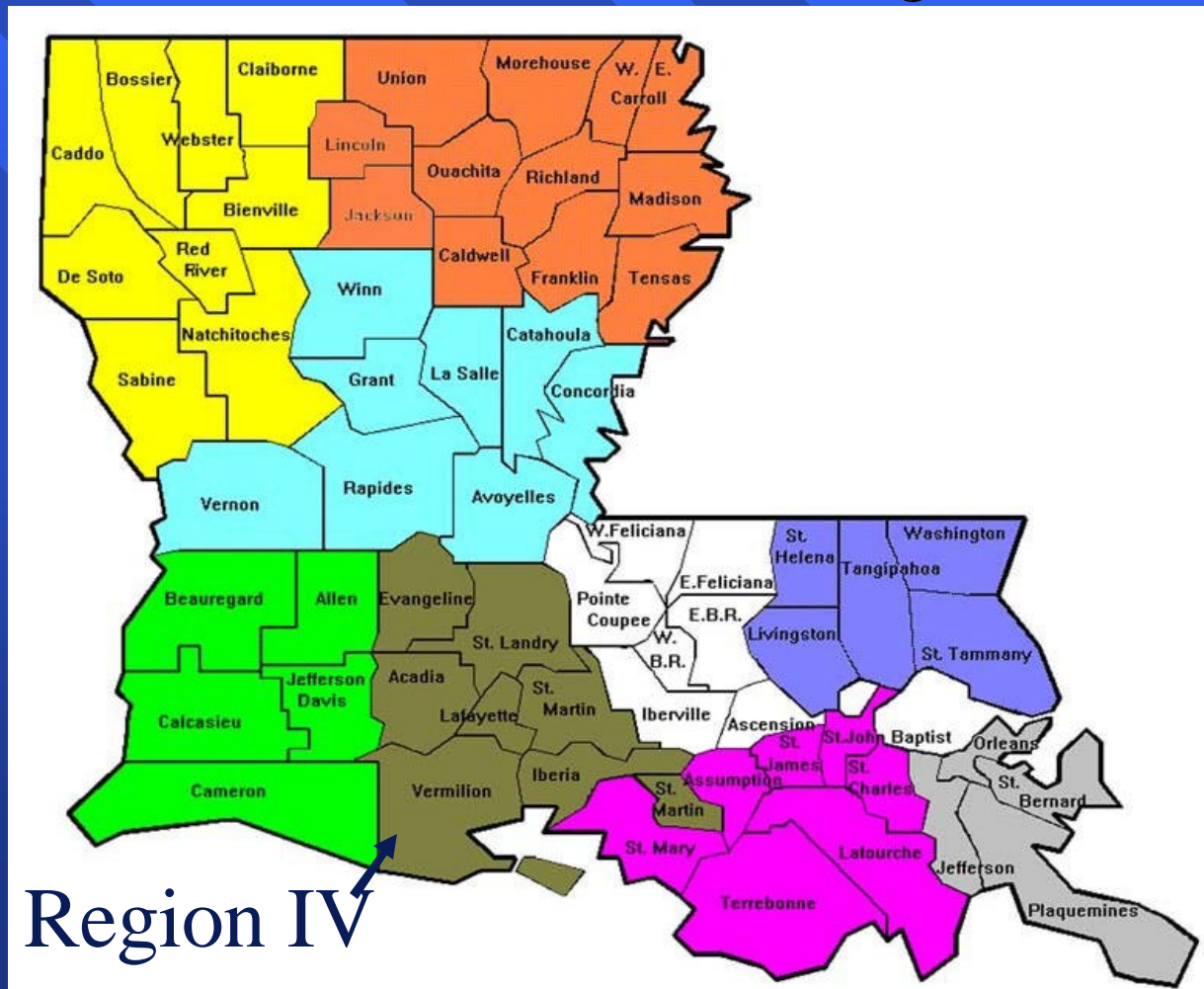
Iberia Parish

Lafayette Parish

St. Landry Parish

St. Martin Parish

Vermilion Parish



*II. What is the “Region IV  
Healthcare Marketplace”?  
-- Healthcare Consumers*

# *Region IV Healthcare Marketplace: Healthcare Consumers*

- All persons in Region IV are either active or eventual consumers of healthcare services, but not all can afford to purchase care, personally or through insurance plans.

# *Population Statistics*

- Region IV has a population of **548,154 persons**:
    - Estimated **111,982 “uninsured” (20.4%)**:
      - » Est. 79,283 “uninsured and at or below 200% FPL (14.5%)
      - » Est. 32,699 “uninsured and above 200% FPL (5.9%)
    - Countable **193,638 “under-insured” (35.3%)**:
      - » 126,288 Medicaid enrollees (23.0%) [due to poor reimbursement]
      - » 67,350 Medicare enrollees (12.3%) [have lacked R<sub>x</sub> benefit]
    - Estimated **242,534 “well-insured” (44.2%)**
- 548,154**

# Low Income Households

UMC Catchment Parish	2000 Population <sup>1</sup>	Population at or < 200% FPL <sup>2</sup>	%	Medicaid Enrollees ("Eligibles") <sup>3</sup>	%	Target Population (at or < 200% FPL and not covered by Medicaid)	%
Acadia	58,861	29,503	50.1%	15,227	25.9%	14,276	24.3%
Evangeline	35,434	14,971	42.3%	11,628	32.8%	3,343	9.4%
Iberia	73,266	39,227	53.5%	18,304	25.0%	20,923	28.6%
Lafayette	190,503	120,365	63.2%	31,724	16.7%	88,641	46.5%
St. Landry	87,700	39,475	45.0%	26,596	30.3%	12,879	14.7%
St. Martin	48,583	25,935	53.4%	11,862	24.4%	14,073	29.0%
Vermillion	53,807	29,361	54.6%	10,947	20.3%	18,414	34.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>548,154</b>	<b>298,837</b>	<b>54.5%</b>	<b>126,288</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>172,549</b>	<b>31.5%</b>

*at or below 200% FPL = 54.5%*

*enrolled in Medicaid = 23.0%*

*“the working poor” = 31.5%*

# Medicaid

- Medicaid is a state-run, federally subsidized medical insurance program that provides coverage for some of the medically indigent.
  - Eligible for Medicaid:
    - » Low Income Pregnant Women
      - Low income defined as <200% FPL  
(\$3,067/month for a family of 4 in 2003)
    - » Low Income Children (LaCHIP)
    - » Very Poor Parents
      - Less than 16% of FPL  
(\$245/month for a family of 4)
    - » Persons with certain disabilities
  - Ineligible for Medicaid:
    - » Parents -- greater than 16% of FPL
    - » Childless Adults -- ineligible at any income

# The Uninsured

Of the 172,549 “working poor” in Region IV, some who are working full-time may be insured through an employer.

Many are not working full-time or can’t afford their share of the premiums.

UMC Catchment Parish	2000 Population <sup>1</sup>	Households <sup>5</sup>	Average Persons per Household <sup>5</sup>	UL Lafayette HICA Est. Uninsured <sup>6</sup>	% <sup>6</sup>
Acadia	58,861	21,142	2.78	16,648	28.3%
Evangeline	35,434	12,736	2.78	10,335	29.2%
Iberia	73,266	25,381	2.89	15,810	21.6%
Lafayette	190,503	72,372	2.63	25,797	13.5%
St. Landry	87,700	32,328	2.71	19,848	22.6%
St. Martin	48,583	17,164	2.83	12,889	26.5%
Vermillion	53,807	19,382	2.78	10,655	19.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>548,154</b>	<b>200,505</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>111,982</b>	<b>20.4%</b>

*uninsured* = 20.4%

Source: Louisiana HABITS, a direct consumer survey approach developed by HICA at UL Lafayette.

## *Who Are the “Under-insured” in Region IV?*

- **Medicaid enrollees** may be considered “under-insured” because their coverage **pays far below “usual and customary”** medical fees.
  - 126,288 (23.0% of the population of Region IV) qualifying indigent persons are covered by Medicaid.
- **Medicare enrollees** may be considered “under-insured” because **prescription medications are not yet covered**.
  - 67,350 (12.3% of the population of Region IV) qualifying elderly or disabled persons covered by Medicare.

## *Who Are the “Well-Insured” in Region IV?*

- Subtracting the uninsured and under-insured populations from the total leaves **242,534 (44.2%)** – fewer than half – who might be said to be “well insured” against the risks of unexpected health-related expenses, and therefore able to fully participate in the healthcare marketplace.

*When fewer than half of the residents of a region are able to fully participate in a healthcare marketplace, that marketplace is bound to show the effects of economic stress!*

*II. What is the “Region IV  
Healthcare Marketplace”?  
-- Healthcare Providers*

# *Region IV Healthcare Marketplace: Healthcare Providers*

- 1,019 licensed physicians (*source: LSBME*) and directed staff
  - General Practice Physicians, Specialists, and Surgeons
  - Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants
- 26 Hospitals (*source: LHA*)
  - 15 general acute care (2,419 licensed beds) [including UMC]
  - 1 specialty (Women's & Children's) acute care (93 licensed beds)
  - 1 critical access hospital acute care (25 licensed beds)
  - 4 long-term acute care (121 licensed beds)
  - 3 rehabilitation (34 licensed beds)
  - 2 psychiatric (80 licensed beds) [including UMC]
- Many other important professional and institutional healthcare providers including dentists, mental health professionals, nursing homes, home health agencies, pharmacies, ...

# *Physicians and Acute Care Beds Are Not Well-Distributed in Region IV*

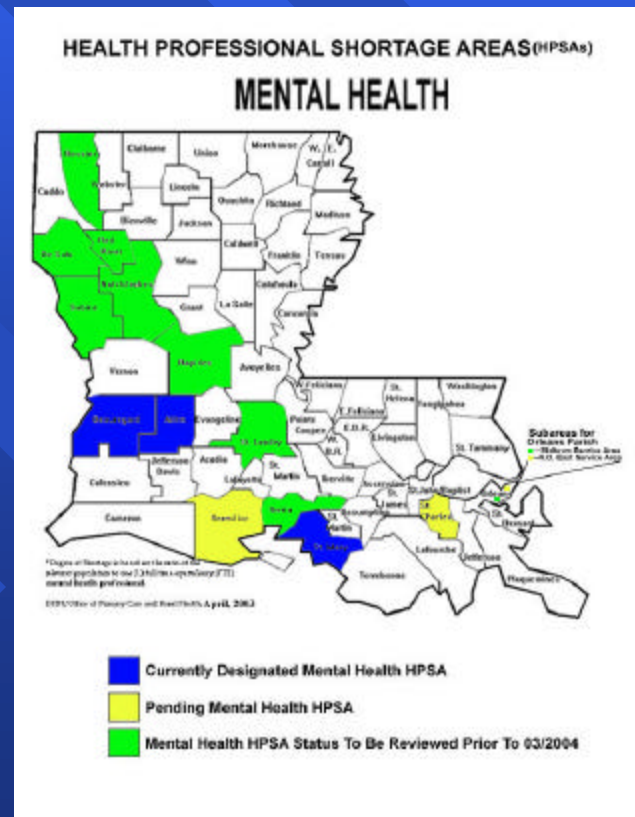
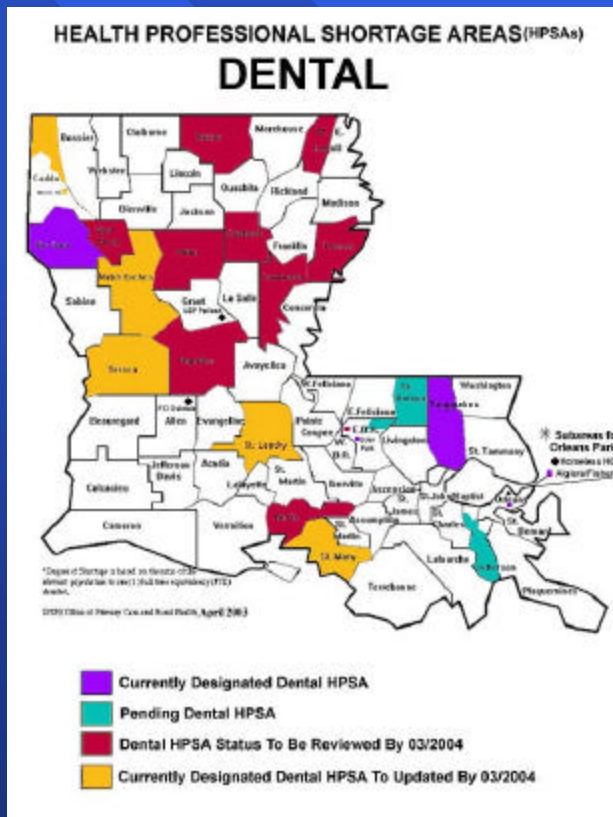
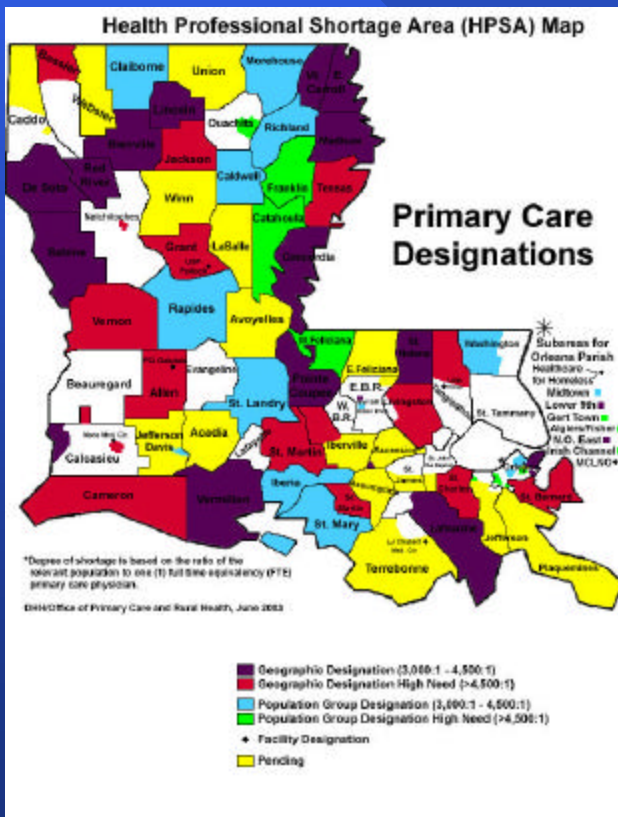
UMC Catchment Parish	2000 Population <sup>1</sup>	Total Physicians Available <sup>8</sup>	Persons Served per Physician	Total Acute Care Beds Available <sup>9</sup>	Acute Care Beds per 10,000 Population
Acadia	58,861	49	1,201	217	37
Evangeline	35,434	44	805	321	91
Iberia	73,266	109	672	237	32
Lafayette	190,503	617	309	1,100	58
St. Landry	87,700	148	593	436	50
St. Martin	48,583	15	3,239	25	5
Vermillion	53,807	37	1,454	201	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>548,154</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>46</b>

*persons served per physician = 538*

*acute hospitals per 10,000 persons = 46*

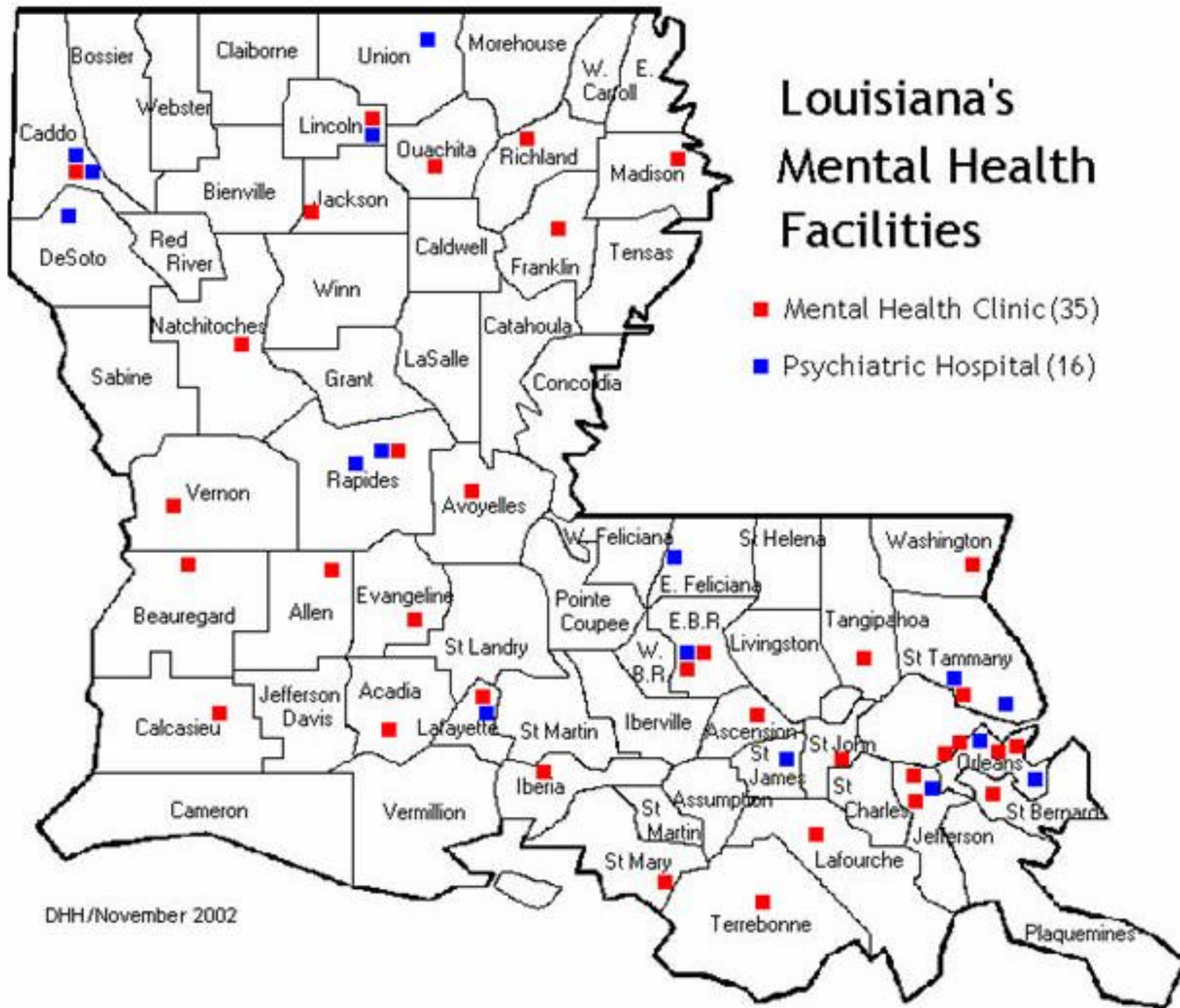
# Health Professional(s) Shortage Area:

- any of the following which HHS determines has a shortage of health professional(s):
- (1) An urban or rural area (which need not conform to the geographic boundaries of a political subdivision and which is a rational area for the delivery of health services);
  - (2) a population group; or
  - (3) a public or nonprofit private medical facility.



# Louisiana's Mental Health Facilities

- Mental Health Clinic (35)
- Psychiatric Hospital (16)



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# *Federally-Sponsored Providers in Region IV*

- Veterans Affairs Out-Patient Clinic in Lafayette
- 3 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
  - New Iberia
  - Gueydan
  - Opelousas
- 1 federally designated Critical Access Hospital

# *State-Sponsored Providers in Region IV*

- University Medical Center,  
operated by LSUHSC-NO HCSD
  - 208 licensed beds, including 20 psychiatric beds  
at Joseph Henry Tyler Jr. Mental Health Center
  - Emergency Department & multiple outpatient clinics
  - 75 faculty (46 FTE salaried faculty physicians)
  - 65 interns and Graduate Medical Education residents  
(~6.5 FTE physicians in advanced training)
- 9 Parish Health Units, operated by Louisiana OPH
  - 3 in St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice, and Melville)
  - 1 each in Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette,  
St. Martin, & Vermilion

*III. The “Medically Indigent”  
and  
University Medical Center*

# *The Medically Indigent or Needy in Federal & State Law*

- **“Medically Indigent”** : A person who is too impoverished to meet **medical expenses**. The term currently refers to persons whose income is too low for them to afford routine medical care, although they are able to pay for their basic living costs, or to persons with generally adequate income who suddenly face catastrophic medical bills.

*[The Aspen Dictionary of Health Care Administration, 1989.]*

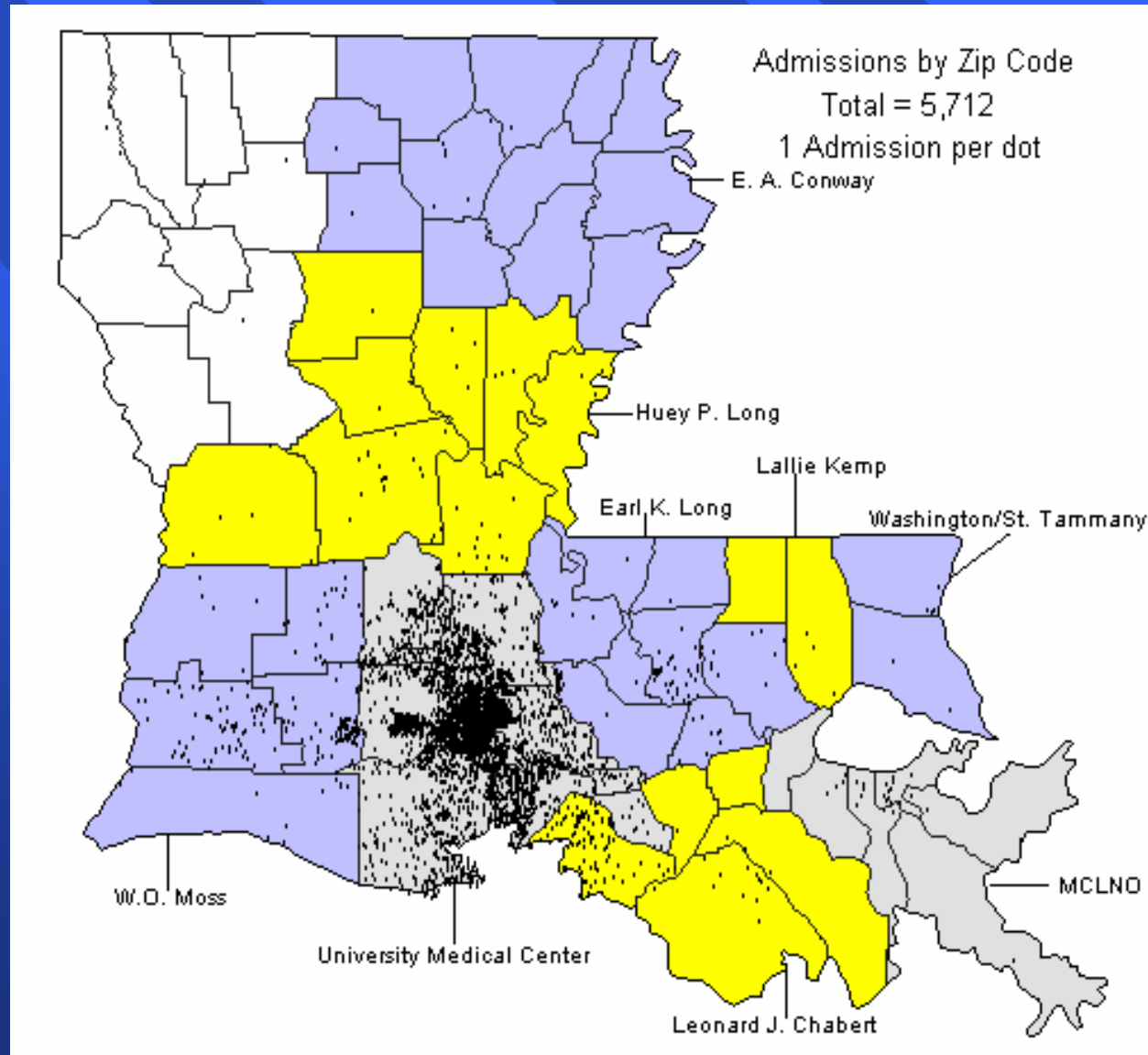
- **“Medically Needy”**: A term in the Medicaid program for persons who have enough income and resources to pay their basic living expenses (and so not need public assistance) but not enough to pay for **medical care**. Medicaid law requires that the standard for income used by a state to determine if someone is medically needy cannot exceed 133% of the maximum amount paid to a family of similar size under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program [now called “Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)”].

*[Ibid.]*

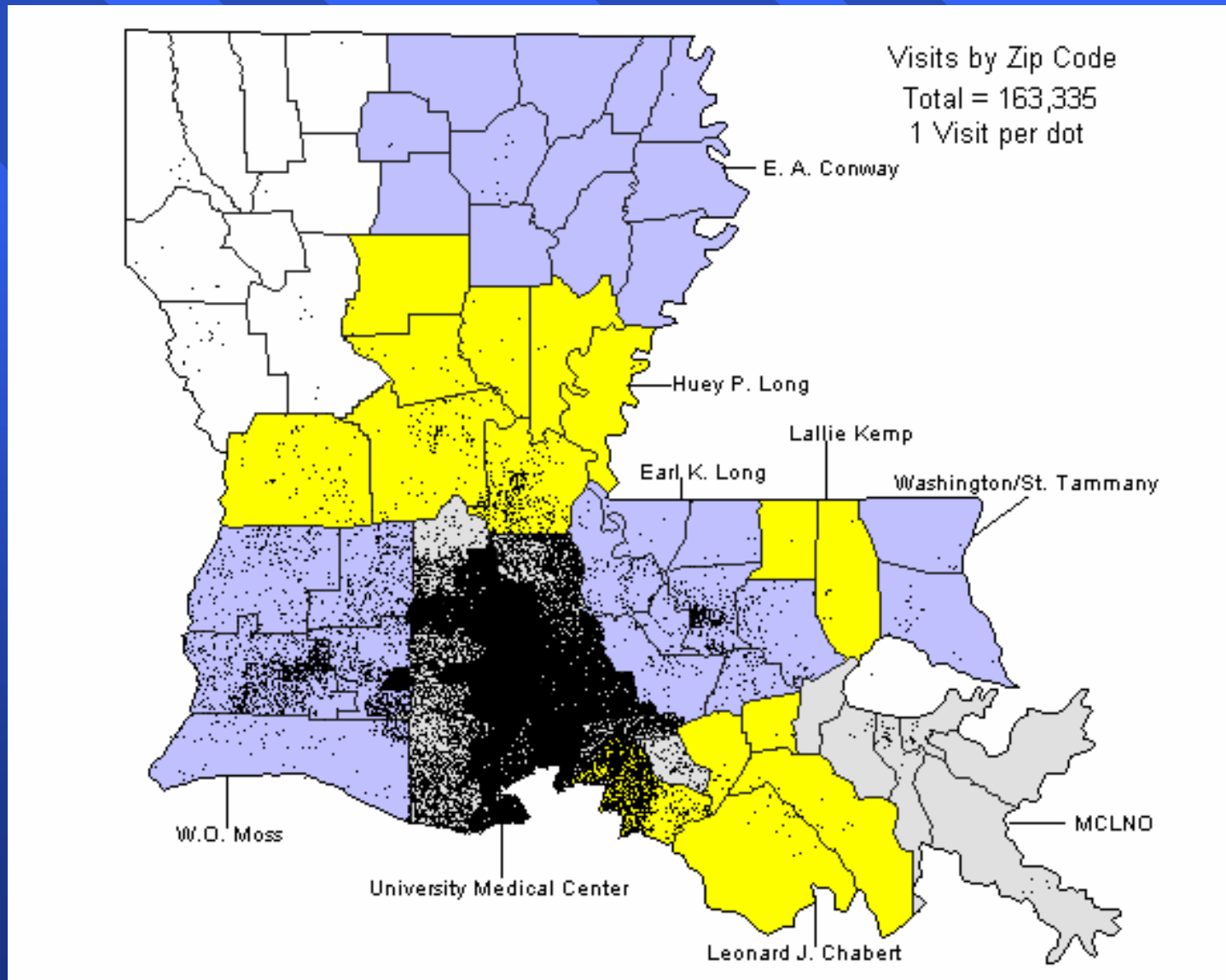
# *The Medically Indigent or Needy & Louisiana's Charity Hospitals*

- “Any *bona fide* resident of the state of Louisiana who is medically indigent or medically needy shall be eligible for any form of treatment by any general hospital owned and operated by the State of Louisiana.” *[LRS 46:6, Section 6. Act 62 of 1926]*
- The [state-owned “charity”] hospitals ... shall be operated primarily for the medical care of the uninsured and medically indigent residents of the state and others in need of medical care and as teaching institutions. *[LRS 17:1519.1.A.(1)]*
- University Medical Center in Lafayette, part of the 8-hospital charity hospital system currently administered by LSUHSC-NO HCSD, has as its mandate the care of Louisiana residents who are medically indigent, those in households earning at or below 200% of FPL (Federal Poverty Level).

# UMC – Lafayette Admissions



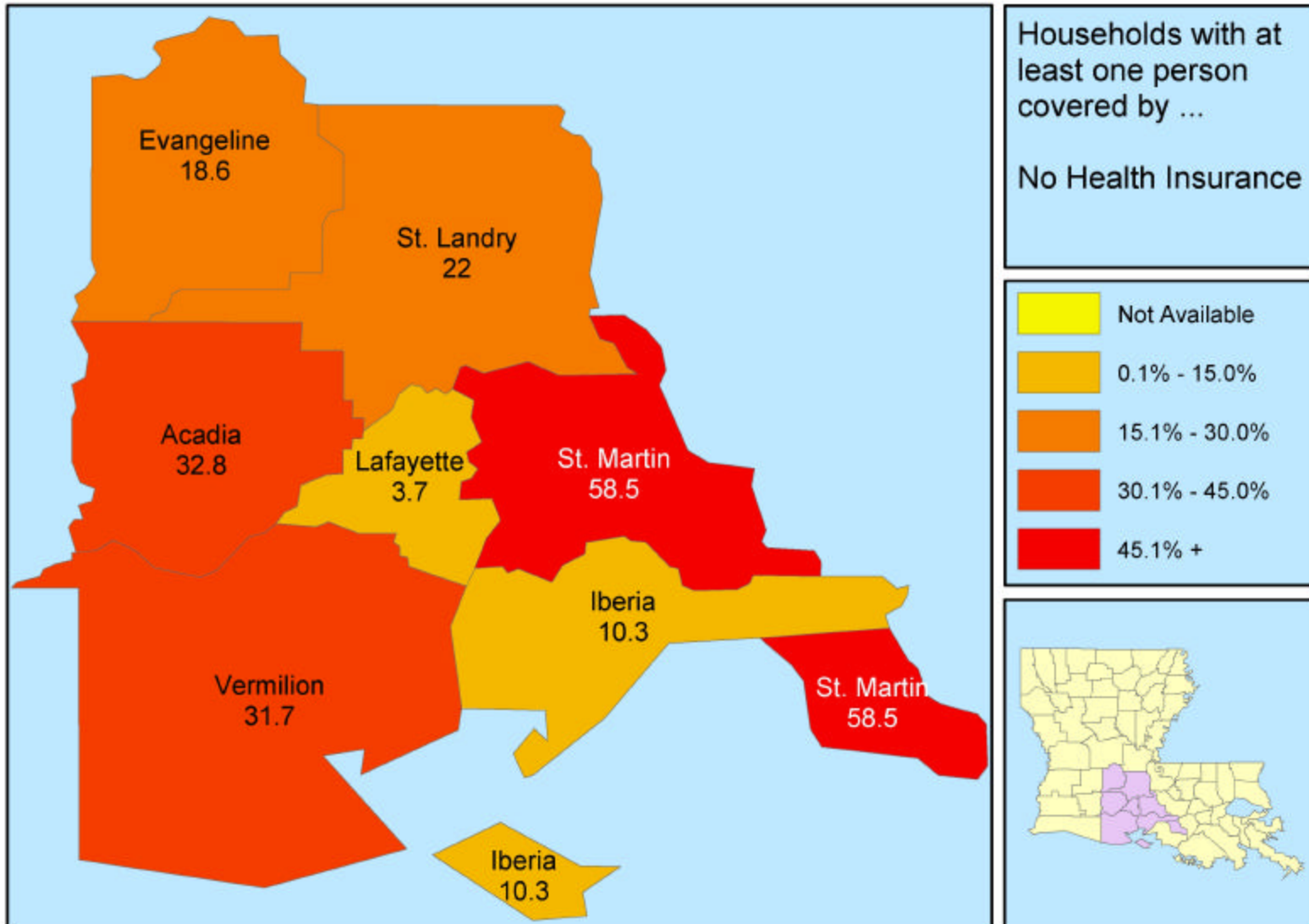
# UMC – Lafayette Outpatient Visits



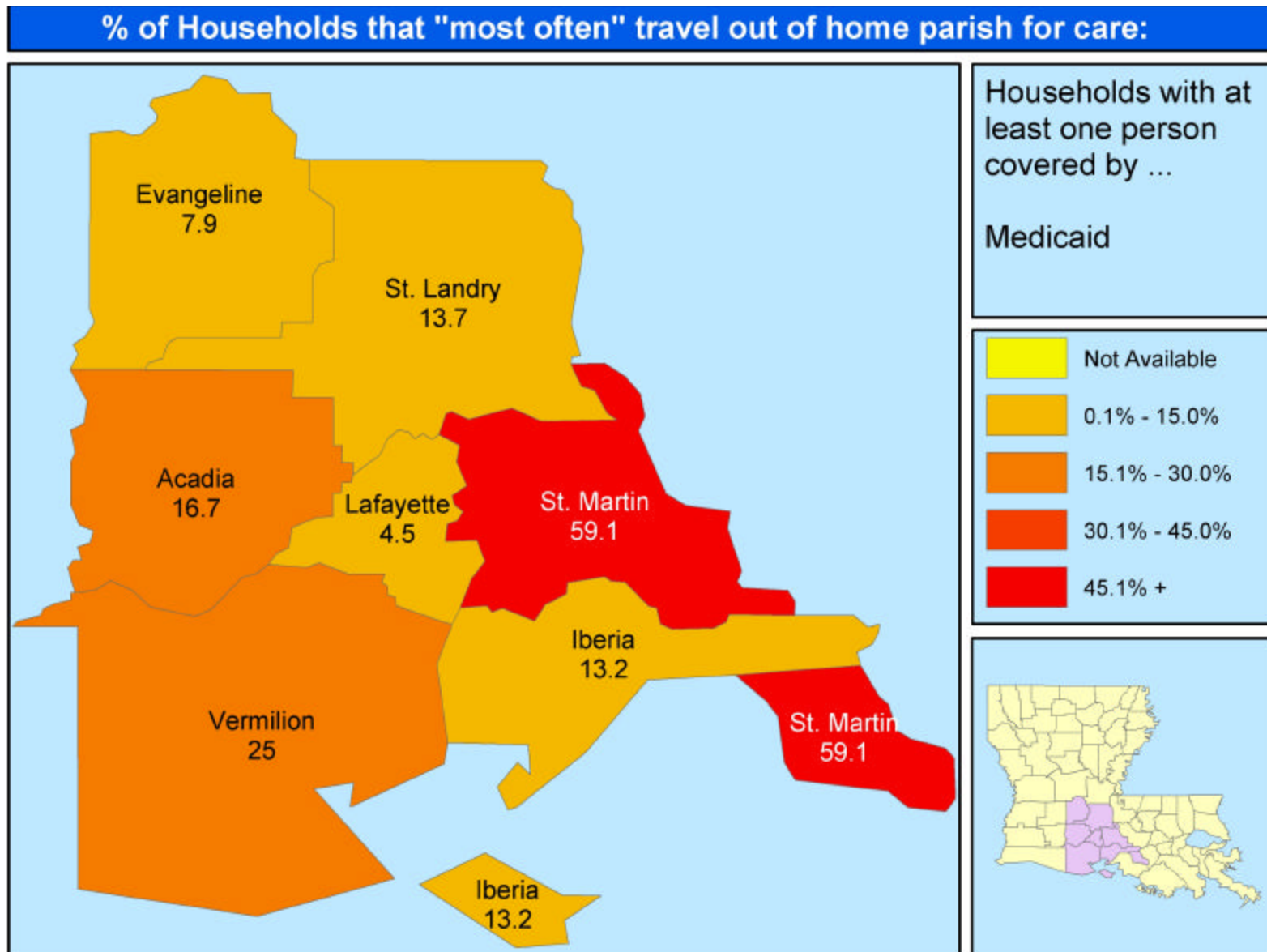
*IV. Where Do Patients  
Go for Care?*

# Where do the Uninsured go for care?

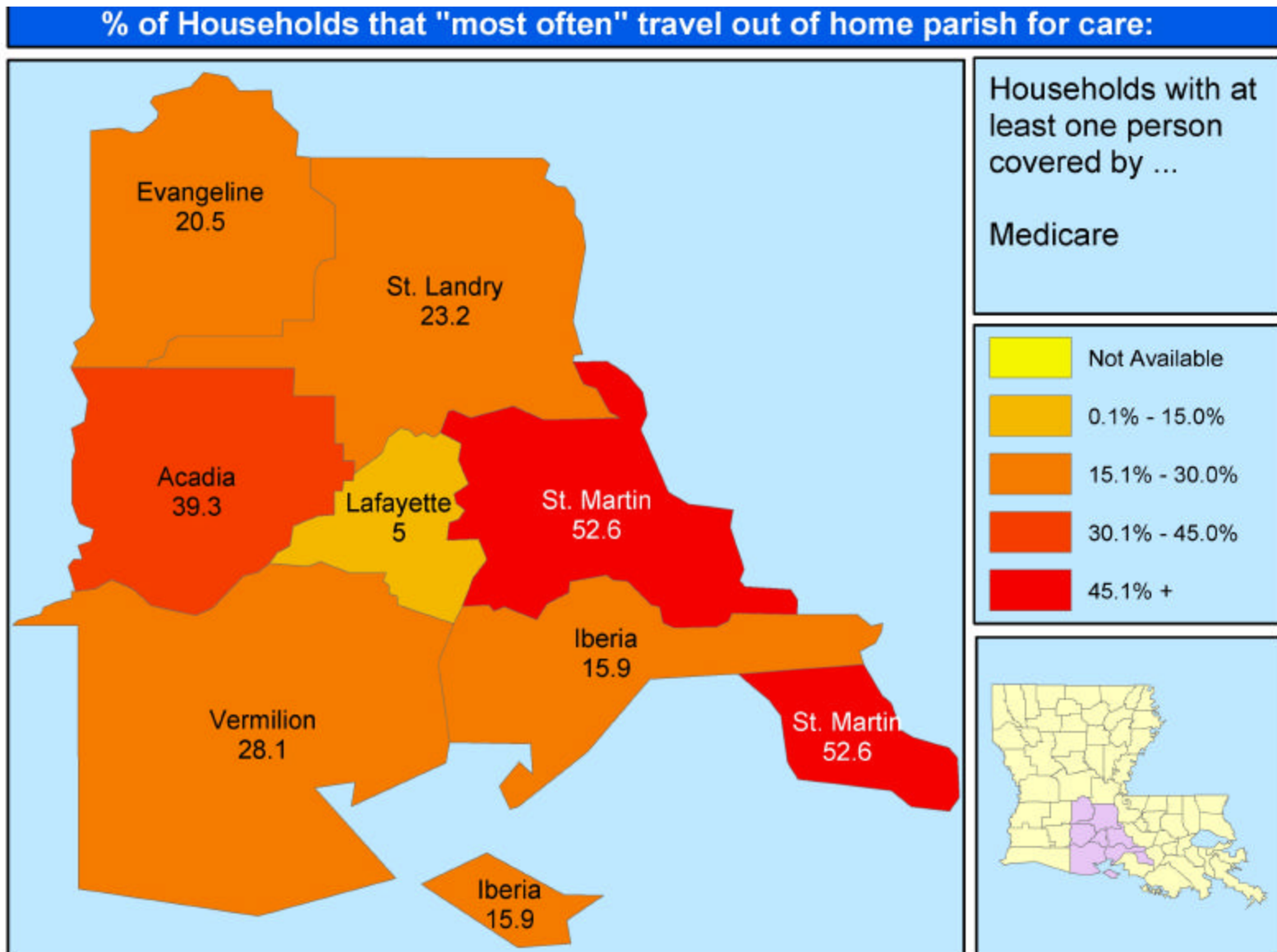
% of Households that "most often" travel out of home parish for care:



# Where do Medicaid enrollees go for care?

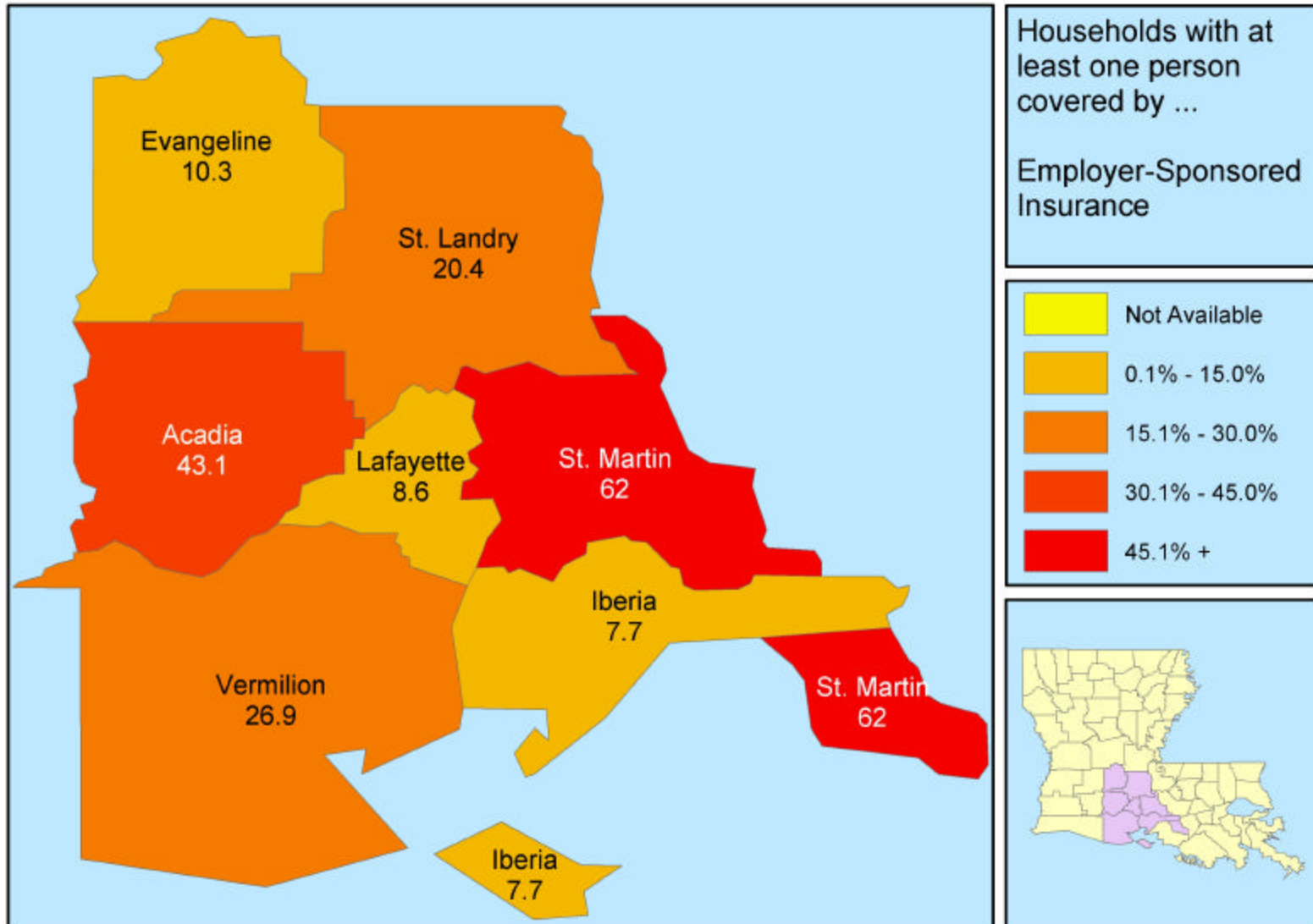


# Where do Medicare enrollees go for care?



# Where do employer-insureds go for care?

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*What messages should  
Region IV  
send to the Governor's  
Healthcare Summit?*

# *What Questions Have We Been Asked?*

1. What challenges (if any) do the following population pose in your community?
  - a. Uninsured population
  - b. Medicaid population
  - c. Medicare population
  - d. Privately insured population
  
2. What are the healthcare needs of the following populations in your community?
  - a. Children
  - b. People ages 65 and older
  - c. People with developmental disabilities
  - d. People with mental illness
  - e. People with addictive disorders

## *What Questions Have We Been Asked? (continued)*

3. What are the strengths of your community's health care system?
4. Identify any important gaps in your community's health care system. In addition to the items noted above (number 2), other examples of gaps may include hospital services, diagnostic services, specialty services, trauma care, affordable pharmaceuticals, etc. How would you address these gaps?

# *What Questions Have We Been Asked?* (continued)

5. Describe changes that could be implemented to improve the health care in your community with specific consideration given to access, quality, and cost (to the state and patient) of services. If additional funds would be required, discuss potential funding sources (federal, state, local, nongovernmental) and their likelihood. What health care system improvements could be made without additional funding?
6. How should state health care spending be prioritized to support your community in meeting its needs?

## *Your Input?*

- Facilitated Breakout Sessions
  - Your Spoken Comments
  - Your Written Comments
- Website Survey
  - <http://www.lafchamber.org>
  - Survey period closes at midnight on Saturday, February 21st

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