

Baltimore County School Based Health Centers

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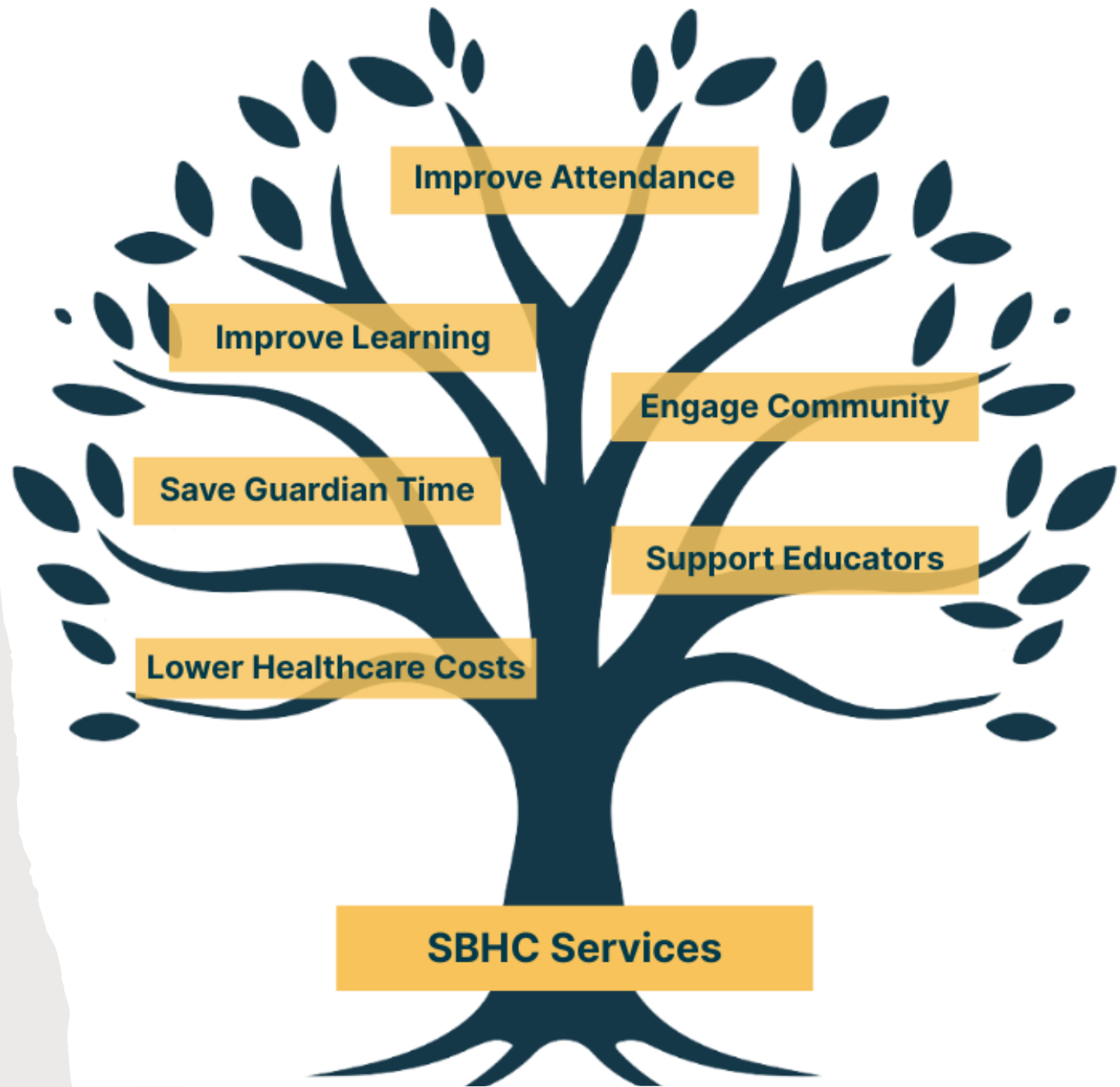


What is a School-Based Health Center???

- School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) provide advanced health services in/near the schoolhouse with the primary goal of keeping students healthy and ready to learn
 - Preventive care
 - Primary care
 - Care for acute illnesses
 - Management of chronic conditions
- Maryland has 91 School Based Health centers across 16 jurisdictions

Why SBHCs?

-Washington State School Based Health Alliance



Baltimore County SBHC Program - Overview



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- SBHC in Baltimore County first opened in 1991
- Partnership between Baltimore County Department of Health (BCDH) and Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)
- Primary care services aimed to keep kids healthy and in school
- Safety-net provider, in conjunction with identified PCP
- Under purview of Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Maternal Child Health Bureau since 2022 (formerly under Maryland State Department of Education)
- Operate with MDH grant funds, as well as operating funds from BCPS and BCDH

Baltimore County SBHC Program- Operations

- MDH Standards
- BCDH and BCPS nurse practitioners and health assistants
- Follow school schedule
- Each site receives minimum of 8 hours of clinic over two days/school week
- Housed within the school health suite*
- Collaborate with school personnel

Operations cont'd

- Eligibility
 - All students at school* with SBHC eligible to enroll
 - Enrollment and visits with parent/guardian consent
- Enrollment: Paper consent or electronic via parent portal in FOCUS
- Appointments/referrals through nurse referral, other school staff member, parent request, self-referral
- 12/16 sites are approved Vaccines for Children sites

Baltimore County SBHC Program - Expansion

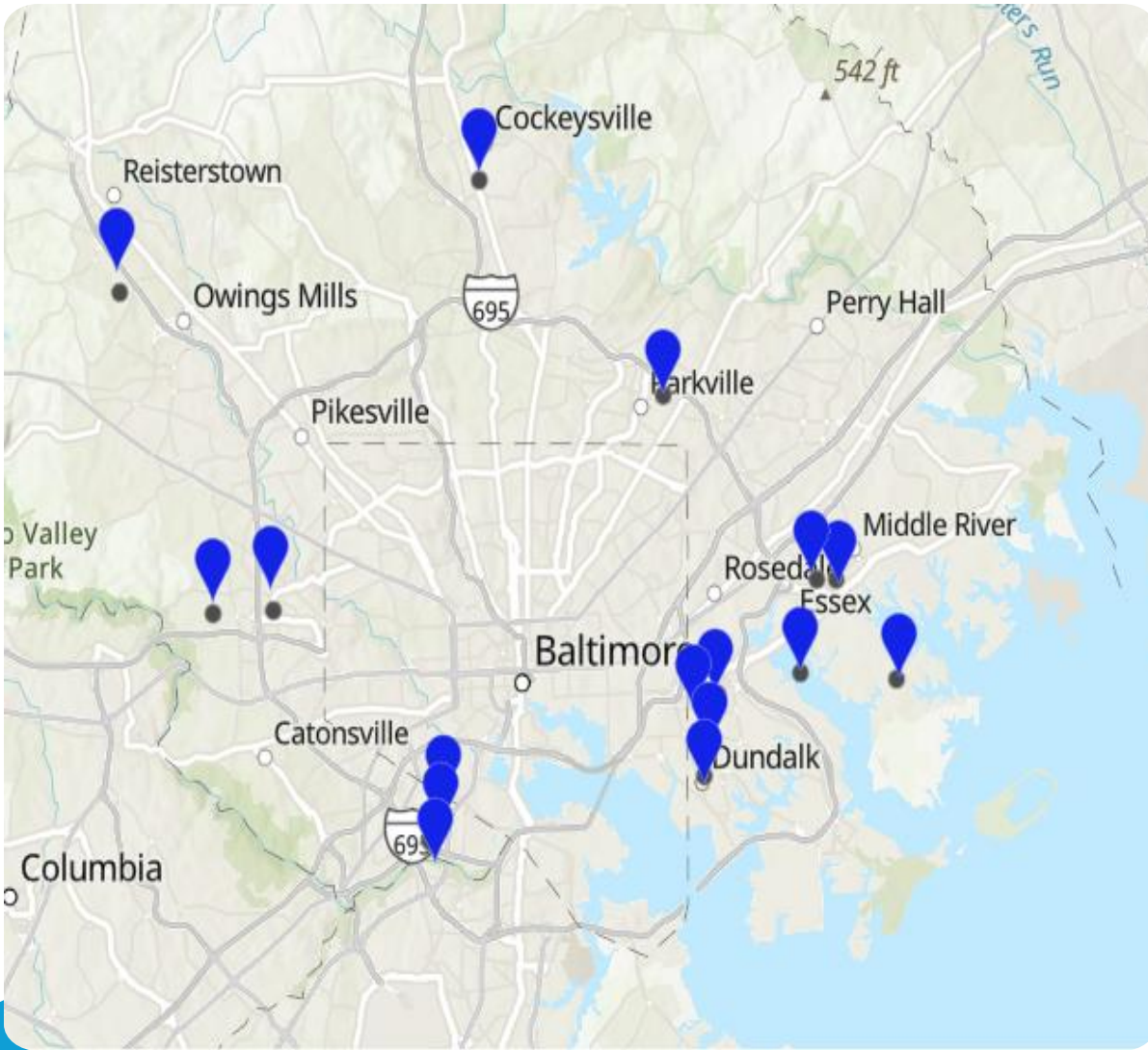
- MDH two-year planning grant
 - Needs assessment
 - Site Development
- Final approval by MDH and MSDE Facilities

Baltimore County SBHC Services

- Well-child care
- Sports physicals
- Acute care
- Chronic care
- Health screenings
- Immunizations
- Reproductive health
- Health education
- Case management and referrals
- (limited) Lab tests



Berkshire Elementary SBHC



Elementary:

- *Berkshire Elementary*
- *Chadwick Elementary*
- Dundalk Elementary*
- Hawthorne Elementary
- Padonia International Elementary
- Riverview Elementary

Middle:

- Deep Creek Middle*
- Holabird Middle*
- Lansdowne Middle

High:

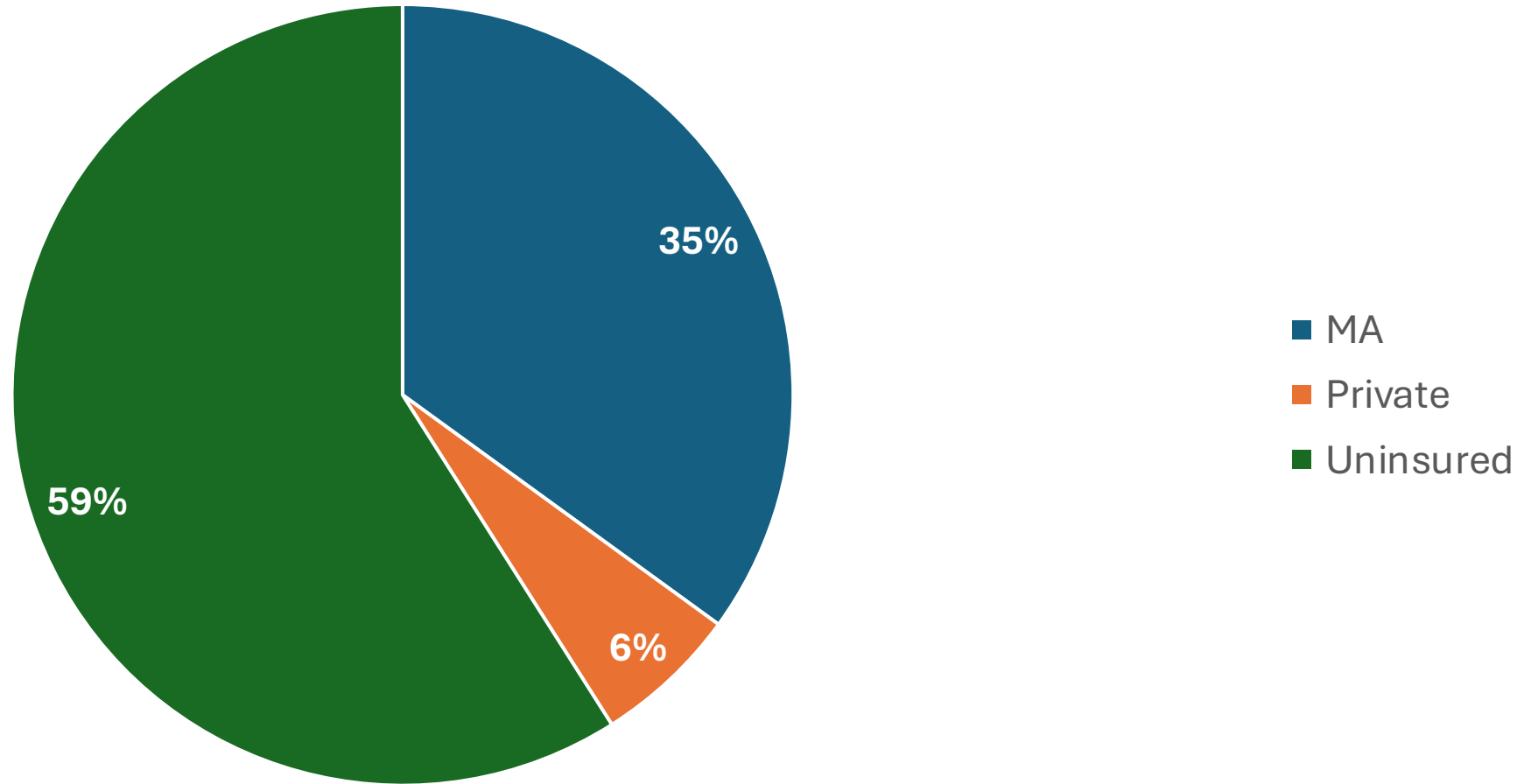
- Chesapeake High
- Dundalk High
- Kenwood High
- Lansdowne High
- Owings Mills High
- Parkville High
- Woodlawn High



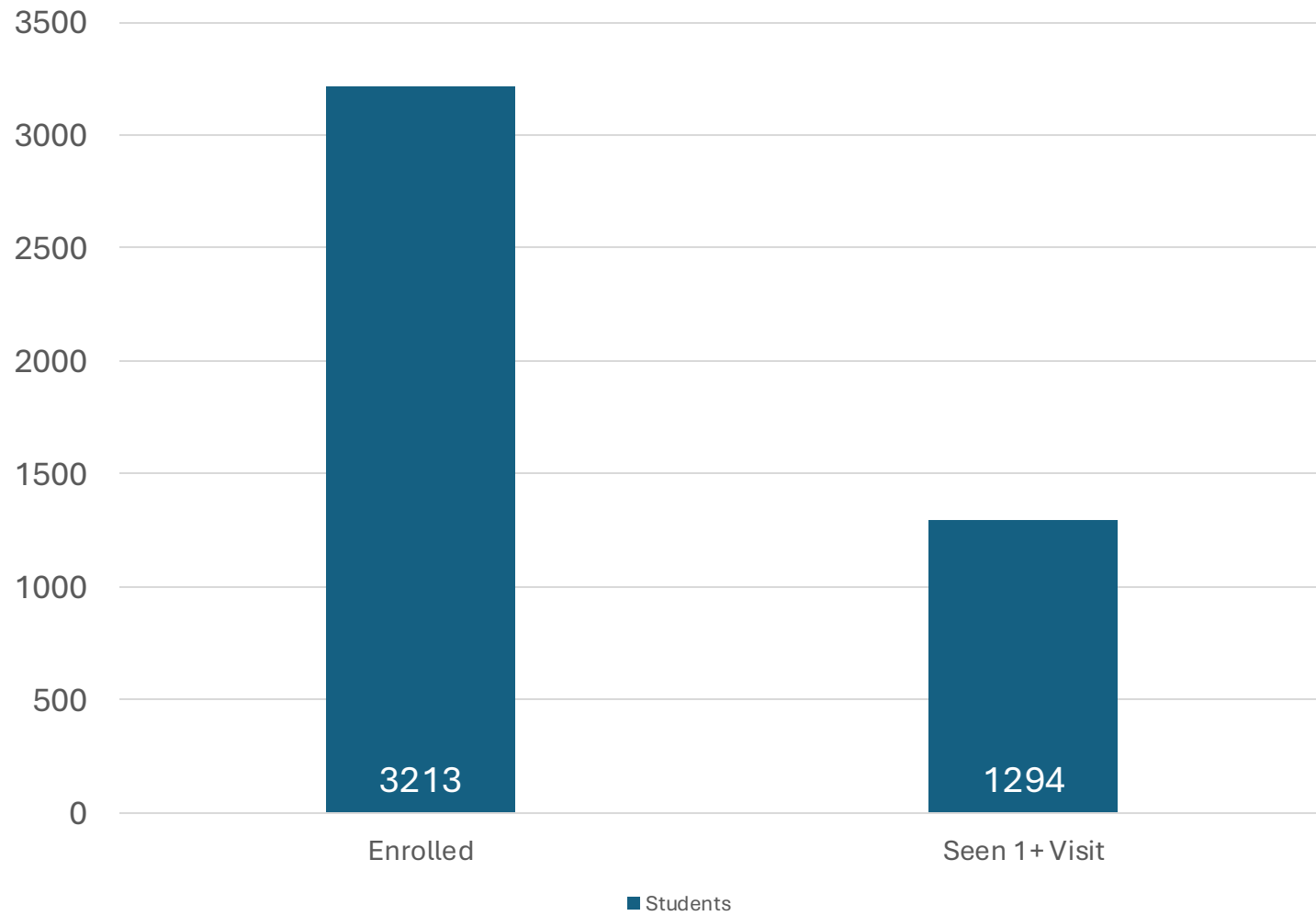
SBHC in Numbers

2024-2025 school year

Insurance Status (Clients)



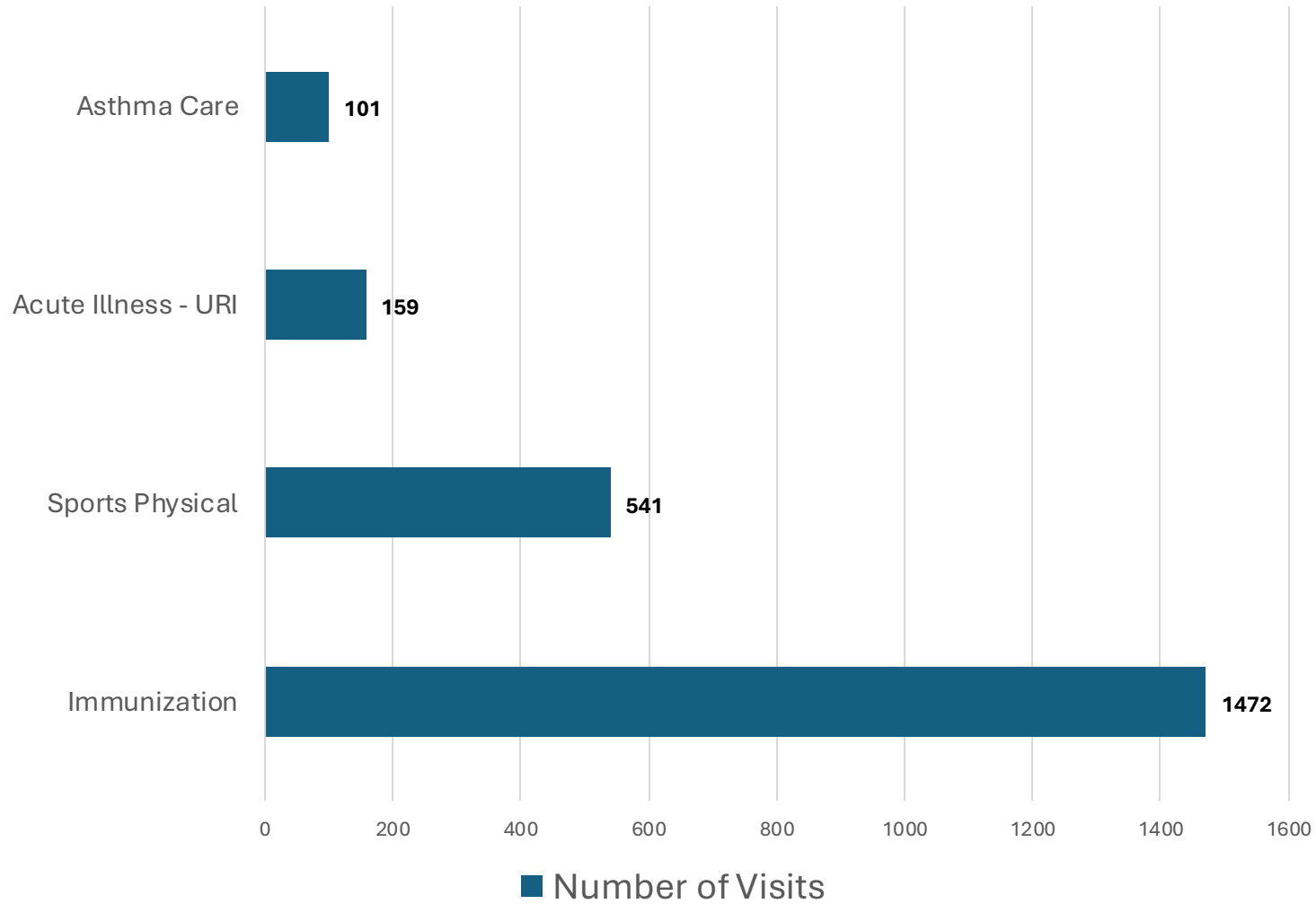
2024-5 Enrollment/Use



**26%
enrollment
rate**

2,850 visits

Top Diagnostic Codes 2024-25



2,081
Risk Assessments &
Mental Health
Screenings

**2, 257 doses of school required
vaccine doses administered**

**1, 227 "recommended" vaccine doses
administered**

Looking ahead...

- Maryland Department of Health, State Health Improvement Plan: goal of **70%** enrollment at all sites by 2029
- Increase enrollment
 - Engagement with students and families
 - Special campaigns
 - Streamline enrollment
- Increase staffing/service hours



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A group of eight diverse elementary school children standing in a hallway, smiling. They are wearing backpacks and casual clothing. The text "Questions? Ideas?" is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

Questions?
Ideas?