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Funding for 2019 was approved through an appropriation (\$156,482) by the Legislature during the last legislative session (2018). As in years past, funds were limited, therefore claims were processed on a first come, first serve basis and considered as a payor of last resort.

Iowa Program Data

The following table provides averages for claim payments, the ages of children served, and the insurance status of those children served through this program.

Averages Derived from the 2017 Claim Payments	
Number of claims processed	121
Gross dollars paid	\$113,795.15*
Refunds for insurance payments	(\$1001.33)
Refunds from prior years	(\$0)
Total number of children served during FY 19	111
Average number of claims for served children	1.09
Average dollars paid per child	\$1,025.18
Average dollars paid per claim	\$940.46
Children with insurance coverage for hearing aids	20

*This total does not include claims processing fees.

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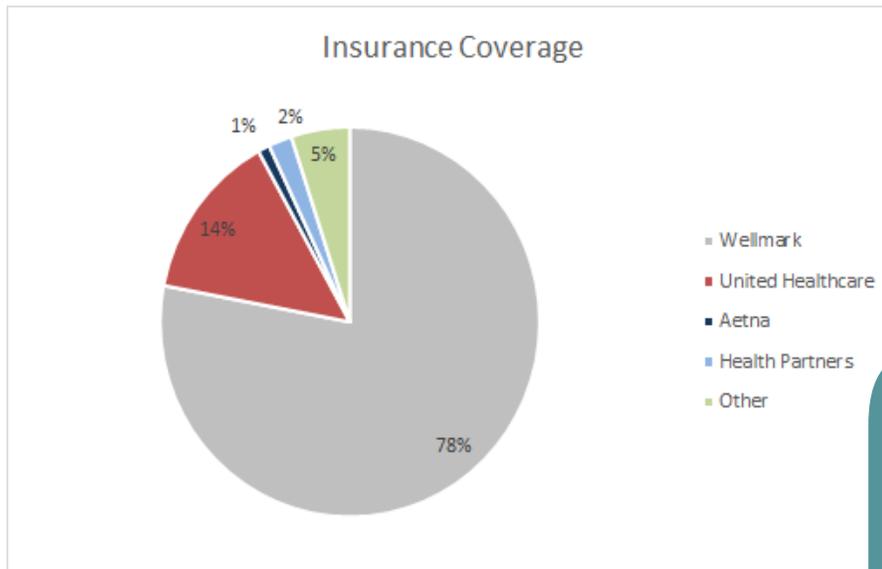


Net Claim Payment by Age

Age	Children Served	Percent	Dollars Paid
0-2	17	15%	\$13,931.05
3-5	18	16%	\$20,361.78
6-10	33	30%	\$33,498.57
11-15	22	20%	\$23,492.68
16-20	21	19%	\$21,509.74

Insurance as Reported on their 2019 Application Form

The following chart illustrates the insurance status of children served under the Hearing Aids and Audiological Services program.



Over ninety-nine percent of children eligible for this program had medical coverage at the time of enrollment although most policies did not cover the costs for hearing aids or audiological services.

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