

Opioid Use Disorder Treatment CHEROKEE COUNTY

Uninsured Adults

1 in 4

or 26% of **uninsured** adults in South Carolina with opioid use disorder **received any form of treatment** in a timely manner in 2025.



Cascade of Care Framework

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Medication

● Cherokee County in 2025 ● South Carolina in 2025



Received Medication



Retained on Medication for 90 Days

After an OUD diagnosis, 92% of uninsured adults did not start medication.

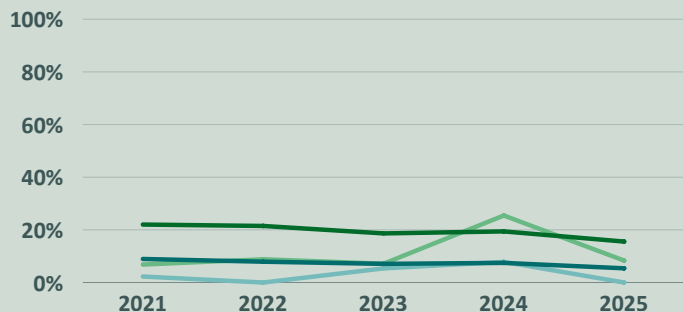
Of those who did start medication, 100% did not stay on it for at least 90 days.

Received Medication

● South Carolina
● Cherokee County

Retained on Medication

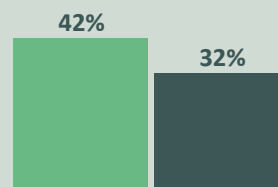
● South Carolina
● Cherokee County



Includes three FDA-approved medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Methadone, Naltrexone, and Buprenorphine

Counseling

● Cherokee County in 2025 ● South Carolina in 2025



Received Counseling



Retained in Counseling for 90 Days

After an OUD diagnosis, 58% of uninsured adults did not start counseling.

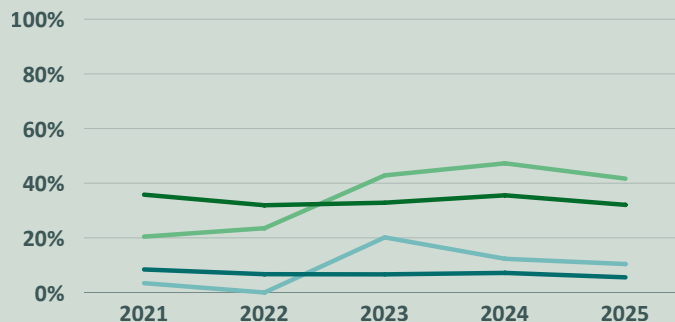
Of those who did start counseling, 75% did not stay in it for at least 90 days.

Received Counseling

● South Carolina
● Cherokee County

Retained in Counseling

● South Carolina
● Cherokee County



The Data

County and state data represent uninsured adults ages 18-64 with a new diagnosis of opioid use disorder who met selected cascade targets. To count as a "new" diagnosis, the person could not have had any opioid use disorder diagnosis or treatment in the two months before, giving us a fresh window to see whether treatment happened. Detailed information regarding the study population and the methods used to create these estimates, as well as additional data, can be found on our [website](https://addictioncenterofexcellence.sc.gov/data). Scan the QR code below.



Learn more about the data, strategies for improvement, and technical assistance at addictioncenterofexcellence.sc.gov/data

Support & Resources

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[South Carolina's Guide to Approved Uses for Investing Opioid Settlement Funds](#) provides information of how you can implement approved strategies for spending opioid settlement funds in your county.

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Medicaid Enrolled Adults

1 in 3

or 32% of **Medicaid** enrolled adults in South Carolina with opioid use disorder **received any form of treatment** in a timely manner in 2025.



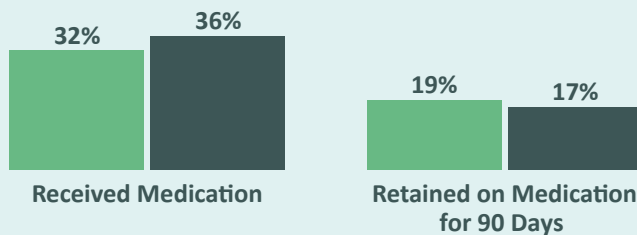
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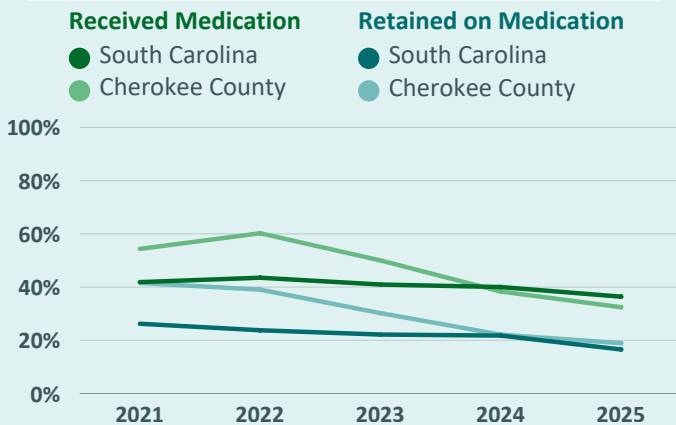
Medication

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After an OUD diagnosis, 68% of Medicaid enrolled adults did not start medication.

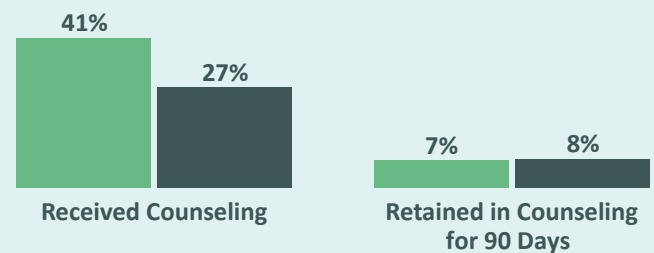
Of those who did start medication, 42% did not stay on it for at least 90 days.



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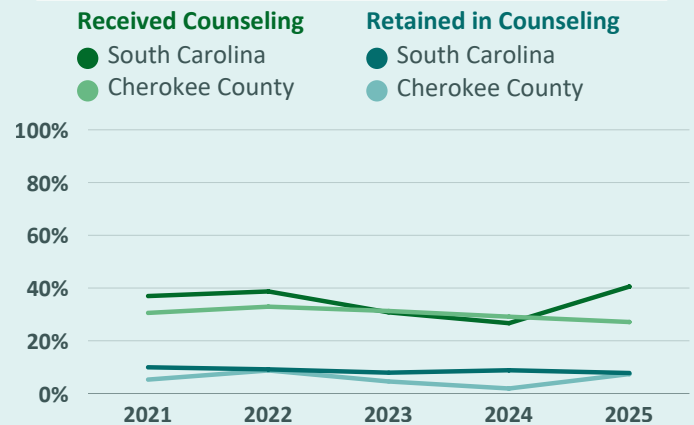
Counseling

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After an OUD diagnosis, 59% of Medicaid enrolled adults did not start counseling.

Of those who did start counseling, 82% did not stay in it for at least 90 days.



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