

TABLE 1

SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION CHARACTERISTICS OF SAMPLED SUBJECTS

Variables	HMO No. (%)	CHC No. (%)
Sociodemographic characteristics		
Race		
White	266 (81.6)*	77 (16.8)*
Nonwhite	60 (18.4)	382 (83.2)
Household income		
Under \$25,000	42 (13.2)*	373 (85.9)*
\$25,000 or more	276 (86.8)	61 (14.1)
How much of the past 12 months were you covered by any type of health insurance, including Medicaid?		
All year	307 (93.6)*	279 (62.6)*
Partial year	14 (4.3)	81 (18.2)
Never	7 (2.1)	86 (19.3)
Health care utilization		
How long have you been going to your usual source of care?		
Less than 1 year	36 (10.9)*	108 (22.2)*
1-2 years	66 (20.1)	99 (20.4)
3-4 years	88 (26.7)	104 (21.4)
5 or more years	139 (42.2)	175 (36.0)
Did you choose this doctor or were you assigned there?		
You or someone in your family chose it	287 (87.0)*	347 (71.4)*
You were assigned to it	43 (13.0)	139 (28.6)
Have you ever had a visit to any kind of specialist or special services?		
Yes	230 (70.3)*	216 (45.5)*
No	97 (29.7)	259 (54.5)
In the last year, did you have trouble paying for your health care?		
Yes	50 (15.2)*	156 (34.3)*
No	278 (84.8)	299 (65.7)

NOTE: Analytic sample was restricted to respondents with usual source of care. Variable categories may not sum up to total sample due to missing values.

HMO denotes health maintenance organization; CHC, community health center

*P < .001 based on chi-square tests.