

# More than 40% of pediatricians received industry payment in 2014

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percent of total payments and the sum of payments, respectively. The highest percentage of pediatric physicians receiving payment was found to be developmental pediatricians; the highest median payment was to pediatric endocrinologists. Medications for attention-deficient/hyperactivity disorder and vaccinations were the most highly marketed.

"More than 40 percent of pediatricians received payments from industry in 2014, a lower percentage than family physicians or internists," the authors write. "Most [payments](#) were associated with medications that treat attention-deficient/hyperactivity disorder and vaccinations."

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(HealthDay)—In 2014 there were 244,915 industry payments to general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists, totaling more than \$32 million, according to a study published online May 6 in *Pediatrics*.

Kavita Parikh, M.D., from the Children's National Medical Center and George Washington School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and colleagues conducted a cross-sectional analysis of Open Payments data from 2014. They described payments from [industry](#) to [physicians](#) caring for children as well as the characteristics of those payments.

The researchers identified 9,638,825 payments to physicians, totaling \$1,186,217,157. Overall, 244,915 payments were made to general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists, totaling more than \$32 million. The median individual payment to general pediatricians was \$14.36, with a median total pay of \$89 per general pediatrician. General pediatricians accounted for 1.7 and 0.9

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