EXAMINING BROOKLYN’S HEALTH PROBLEMS, BY NEIGHBORHOOD

The Medicaid Redesign Team’s Brooklyn work group noted that residents tend to rely on emergency rooms for their basic care, citing the fact that 46% of all ER visits in Brooklyn turned out to be nonemergencies. The work group blamed the overuse of ERs partly on residents not knowing when a situation was a true emergency and partly on the convenience factor, since nonhospital primary care during off-hours can be hard to find. This Pulse Extra, third in a series of four, looks at health data by neighborhood.

**CANARSIE/FLATLANDS**
- Adults with no primary care provider: 17%
- Adults who are obese: 31.5%
- Adults who have diabetes: 7.9%
- Residents who suffer from serious psychological distress: 5%
- Mothers who got late or no prenatal care: 28%
- Hospitalizations for heart disease: 1,826 per 100,000 residents
- Residents: 197,108

**BUSHWICK/WILLIAMSBURG**
- Adults with no primary care provider: 32%
- Adults who are obese: 34%
- Adults who have diabetes: 12.5%
- Residents who suffer from serious psychological distress: 10%
- Mothers who got late or no prenatal care: 34%
- Hospitalizations for heart disease: 2,991 per 100,000 residents
- residents: 202,549

**SOUTHWEST BROOKLYN**
- Adults with no primary care provider: 20%
- Adults who are obese: 15.5%
- Adults who have diabetes: 5.5%
- Residents who suffer from serious psychological distress: 5%
- Mothers who got late or no prenatal care: 15%
- Hospitalizations for heart disease: 1,705 per 100,000 residents
- residents: 210,906

**FLATBUSH**
- Adults with no primary care provider: 20%
- Adults who are obese: 29.8%
- Adults who have diabetes: 13.3%
- Residents who suffer from serious psychological distress: 6%
- Mothers who got late or no prenatal care: 33%
- Hospitalizations for heart disease: 1,605 per 100,000 residents
- residents: 307,274