Alabama’s BCBS population is composed of those who are not covered by a public or other private insurance program. In 2013, 4.6 percent of this population had diabetes related claims. This was almost 100,000 people.

Rural counties are more likely to have diabetics with BCBS coverage.

The five counties with the highest percentages of diabetic claims were Barbour, Greene, Macon, Perry, and Walker, all with at least 6 percent rate of claims. This population is probably diagnosed earlier, receives better treatment, and is less likely to be disabled by their diabetes.

Diabetes claims rise dramatically with age, from .4 percent at age less than 18 to 17.8 percent at age 65 and older.

BCBS members filing claims:
- Are geographically concentrated in rural areas with limited access to diabetic services.
- Are highly related to age.