

**Family Planning Medicaid Waiver Evaluators Conference Call  
SUMMARY**

July 13, 2009, 1:00-2:00 pm EDT

**Participants**

**Evaluators:** Ruth Eudy, Victoria Evans (AR); Nancy Hardt, Jeff Roth (FL); Kathy Vetter (IL); Bo Martin (NC); Dave Murday (SC); Aradhana Sathiadevan, Michelle Bensenberg, and Kendra Sippel-Theodore (TX); Molly Carpenter (VA)

**State Staff:** Karen Jackson, Brenda McCormack, Catherine McGrath, Susan McNamara and Lynn Smith (FL); Julie Doestch and Linda Wheal (IL); Bernie Operario and Marcia Swartz (NC); Margaret Major (TN); Gerald Craver (VA).

**Others:** Angela Garner, Tom Hennessy and Julie Sharp (CMS); Ellen Shanahan (Sheps); Priscilla Guild (Sheps Research Fellow) and Adam Sonfield (Guttmacher Institute)

Kathy Vetter reported on her earlier work with Kim and more recent work with Kendra on trying to compare provider mix across states. Kathy used a four-page summary to guide the discussion, noting initially the limitations and possible solutions to having comparable information on provider mix. The major limitation is the difference in provider type coding across state claims data bases. When trying to make comparisons, we would also want to take into consideration and understand a state's family planning program structure (waiver and Title X) and its provider mix objectives, if any.

To take into consideration the structural differences in family planning programs, Kathy proposed developing a *State Waiver Program Profile*. The group consensus was that this would be helpful. The group felt that the draft in the summary document Kathy prepared could be edited to meet our needs of describing each states waiver program. ***Please forward comments and suggestions for changes to the Waiver Program Profile to Kathy and Kendra.***

Based on overviews of the provider type data available for few states, Kathy and Kendra presented examples of possible tables of provider mix. The group suggested edits to these tables that included removing Title X from as a row and putting it as a column. Also the group wanted to have the table note that pharmacy, as well as laboratory, services were excluded from the mix. Definitional issues of provider type remain to be discussed and determined. (See attached attempt at revised tables.)

***Thanks to those who have already sent provider type information. For those who have not, we encourage you to forward examples of the provider type codes available in your state's data base to Kathy and Kendra.***

**Next Call:** Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 until 2 PM EDT. The call-in number is (919) 962-2740.