

Family Planning Medicaid Waiver Evaluators Conference Call

September 10, 2012, 1:00-2:00 pm EDT

Participants

Evaluators: Loretta Alexander (AR); Jeff Roth (FL); Dave Murday (SC)

State Staff: Brenda McCormick (FL); Bernie Operario, Andrea Phillips and Marcia Swartz (NC); Margaret Majors (TN)

Other: Julie DeClerque and Ellen Shanahan (Sheps Center)

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Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were approved, with no corrections, for posting on the public side of the website.

Update from Jeff Roth re: poster presentation being able to post on website:

The issue right now at University of Florida is that they are not (yet) under contract with ACA to do the evaluation of Waiver. So, Jeff can make the technical report available as it is part of public record. But he will wait on the LBW poster as it was part of a deliverable to the agency. The poster was presented in May 2012 at the Pediatric Academic Society Meeting held in Boston, MA.

Jeff also made a point about the type of relationships we are / could be addressing with our indicator set to understand what is going on and what are the consequences of the FP waiver programs. Can we go beyond descriptive measures and try and look at more analytic questions discerning causal effects?

Update on Title X/OPA Review: None since last call. Sheps is having a call later today with Lorrie Gavin (CDC) and Christina Fowler (RTI) and may have an update. [Update: There has been no comment period, and to date none is planned; Lorrie Gavin presented at RNDMU Workshop Sept 17th. See attached slides. We shared our set of indicators with her, and she is planning on joining our calls. JDeC 9/20].

Using Data Template

Dave Murday reviewed hypotheses we might test using the cross-site data. Question for Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina: do you have questions about how you would be able to plug your numbers into the table format in the Excel spreadsheet?

- Race may be a variable we (NC, AR) may have to go back to raw files to get, but it is certainly there.
- Presumptive eligibility exists in FL for women who lost eligibility and are notified they are eligible for FP services. Table 1 is the universe of all eligibles to Table 2 to get number enrolled. It is card-carrying Medicaid enrollees who are “beneficiaries”. Not every person enrolled makes a claim in any given year. So, we want total eligibles, then how many have a Medicaid card and are determined eligible, and then among those, how many have used a given service? Only a small number of eligible are using services... due to barrier with eligibility, or what other possible barriers? Knowledge that they were eligible, and for what? May be range of different and concurrent problems: can't find a provider to take the

card and to provide service. Are there differences from state-to-state in these different groups. Ex: passive versus active enrollment (deliveries auto enrolled) and do we see patterns there when passive enrollment was eliminated?

- Concerns raised about info on Table 7, showing provider type:
 - Previous discussion among our group when we were trying to ID provider types had big range and different definitions and don't fit easily into group definition.
 - This information could be very instructive about differences across programs and relative effectiveness.
 - Usually have different provider categories, so at very least, even if we had "State agency" versus "non-State agency" it would allow useful comparisons across our state program.
 - Clinical versus non-clinical? Anything that is not clinical, lump as "non-clinical".
 - Pharmacy claims are also important, what to do? Decision: focus efforts on Tables 1-6 for now. We could answer different questions with this Table and provider types (change in public /private provider composition; drugs available on-site, versus not; delivery modes and supply of provider types) and how we want to / are able to tease these issues out.

Action step: Our goal is to have this table filled in as much as possible before our October call.

Please send Excel file to either:

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Next call: October 8th at 1:00 pm EDT, noon CDT. Call in number is (919) 962-2740.