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Division: Health & Long Term
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: C/THP Participation Rates

ATTACHMENTS: I - County Specific Annual C/THP Participation Report
(not available on-line)
II - County Participation Rates (not available on-line)
III - County Participation Graph (not available on-line)

Local district's requests for county specific Child/Teen Health Plan (C/THP) participation rates have prompted the development of the attached reports. These reports were developed on the basis of paid Medicaid claims only and do not reflect any services provided through third party health insurance or provided to recipients without charge.

Your C/THP participation rate reflects the ratio of Medicaid eligible children who received at least one C/THP or well-child exam compared to the total Medicaid population of children under age 21 who should have received an annual exam. This ratio does not adequately measure whether children are receiving all of the required exams annually.

The following is a detailed description of the attached reports:

Attachment I - County Specific Annual C/THP Participation Report:

Line 1: Number of Individuals Eligible for EPSDT: This is an un-duplicated count of all children in your district who were Medicaid eligible for any time period during Federal Fiscal Year 1992 (FFY '92 = Oct. 1, 1991 - Sept. 30, 1992). Un-duplicated means that a child will be counted only once even if multiple periods of eligibility occurred. Recipients are reported separately by aid category; categorically needy (CN) or medically needy (MN).

Line 2: Number of Eligibles Receiving Screening Supervision:

- a. Billed as C/THP: This represents all children who received at least one C/THP examination, provided by a physician, nurse practitioner or clinic and billed using the designated C/THP procedure or rate code.
- b. Billed as Well-Child Exam - Clinic: This represents all children who received at least one examination provided by a clinic and billed as a Well-Child exam.
- c. Enrolled in Continuing Care: This represents all children who were enrolled in a managed care program at any time during FFY '92. Federal reporting rules allow managed care enrollees to be automatically counted as receiving at least one C/THP exam.
- d. Total: This is the total number of children receiving at least one exam or the total of a,b, and c.

Line 3: Participant Ratio:

- a. Adjustment factor for age: This represents an adjustment to account for the fact that older children are not required to have an exam each year according to the periodicity schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For example: AAP recommends that children age 15-20 receive one exam every two years = .50.
- b. Eligibles due exam: This calculation multiplies the total number of eligible children (line 1) by the age factor (line 3a) to arrive at the actual number of children who were due an exam in FFY '92.

- c. Ratio: This calculation compares the total number of children who received exams (line 2d) to the total number of children due exams in FFY '92 (line 3b). This ratio, expressed as a percentage, represents the county C/THP participation rate. For example: .50 = 50%.

Attachment II - County Participation Rates:

This statewide report lists each individual county, the total # of eligibles in each county (from Attachment I, line 1) the total number of children participating in each county (from Attachment I, line 2d) and each county's C/THP participation rate. This report allows for a comparison of county rates versus the state participation rate.

Attachment III - County Participation Graph:

This map shows graphically each county's participation rate within ranges of 20%. This map can be used to identify areas where provider shortage and/or lack of provider or recipient knowledge about C/THP may be a barrier to children receiving C/THP services. This also serves to target areas where the State must increase efforts to recruit and educate providers as well as provide additional technical support to local districts.

If you have any questions regarding this LCM or the attached reports, please contact Sandy Hann at (518) 474-2150, user I.D. #0PM050.

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