SECTION II: PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND PROGRESS

SECTION IIA: REPORTING OF CORE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

MEASURE: Well-Child Visits in Children the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years of Life

Explanation of Progress: The rates for the past three consecutive measurement years are as follows: CY 2003= 59%, CY 2004= 72%, CY 2005= 71%. A large rate jump was noted in CY 2004 and a one percent drop in rate was seen in CY 2005. DMAHS has identified performance standards for specified areas and requires contracted HMOs to participate in Quality Improvement Projects (QIP) for these areas. The required QIP for Well Child Care focuses on achieving compliance with the EPSDT periodicity schedule. For children 3 years of age and older, the performance standard requires that 80% of children receive at least one visit. If DMAHS determines that the contracted HMO is not in compliance with the requirements of the annual QIP objectives, either based on the HMO's progress report or the external quality review organization's (EQRO) report, the HMO is required to prepare and submit a corrective action plan for DMAHS approval. DMAHS continues to engage in initiatives with HMOs, health care providers, other state agencies and community groups to promote the delivery of EPSDT services. The HMO-reported rate for this HEDIS measure is not used for gauging HMO performance with respect to the performance standard; the EQRO has calculated the rate in the past.