SECTION II: PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND PROGRESS

SECTION IIA: REPORTING OF CORE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

MEASURE: Children's Access to Primary care Practitioners

Explanation of Progress: The percentage of children who have had a PCP visit with a PCP during the measurement year has increased significantly in SFY 2004. For all age groups with the exception of the 12-19 year olds, the percentage of children with a PCP visit is above 80%. The managed care contract requires that 80% of children receive the age-appropriate number of comprehensive exams. The HMOs are required to implement a Quality Improvement Project (QIP) focused on achieving this performance standard. DMAHS reviews and monitors the implementation of the QIP and also works closely with the HMOs through various initiatives to promote the delivery of EPSDT services. Quality improvement initiatives such as the adolescent pilot project which aimed to increase adolescent utilization of preventive services was found to be successful and effective strategies will be implemented on a wider geographic basis. The rate calculated for this measure, however, is not the basis for assessing HMO compliance with the 80% performance standard. In the past years, the EQRO has assessed HMO performance with respect to this standard using a different a methodology.