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SUBJECT: Prenatal HIV Screening Indicator

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To: Executive Directors

CC: Site Managers, Clinical Directors, GPRA Coordinators

Prenatal HIV testing is a new GPRA indicator in 2005. When we recently took a look at the aggregated third quarter results for California sites, we noticed that many sites had no tests recorded, although all but three sites did have patients who are pregnant.

We believe that more HIV testing is being done than this report shows and suspect that the reason that many sites have no HIV tests recorded is that the local taxonomy for this indicator has not been populated. We are enclosing a spreadsheet with California Prenatal Testing results for your review. If you believe that your results do not accurately reflect the level of testing of your patients, we suggest that your IT support check the taxonomy associated with this indicator and make sure that all the laboratory codes that your site uses have been entered. Directions for performing the taxonomy check and set up appear in the CRS user manual, version 5.1, dated June, 2005. Once the taxonomy is entered, the CRS software will begin to count the HIV tests that have been completed and entered into RPMS.

For your information and reference, we are also attaching a document on Prenatal HIV screening and consent procedures that was prepared in May, 2005. Section 4 of this document addresses the overall issue of GPRA reporting for this indicator. The rest of the document includes information about HIV and Prenatal Screening, as well as an extensive discussion of HIV consent and screening procedures.

Please contact Steven.Lopez@ihs.gov or Cynthia.Perez@ihs.gov if you have questions about setting up local taxonomies. Please contact amy.patterson@ihs.gov if you have questions about other information in the Prenatal HIV Screening and Consent Procedures document.

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