



State/Territory Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

Reassessment of the Public Health Home Visiting Program (a program providing home visiting services to high risk pregnant women and children, with public health nurses as the primary service provider) resulted in:

1. limiting the program to pregnant women and infants – some contractors provided services for children up to pre-school entry and some programs were not recruiting pregnant clients
2. adoption of a standardized software for data collection by all contractors
3. renewed interest in Targeted Case Management as a reimbursement mechanism for that program and submission of a state plan amendment to adjust the reimbursement rate, and
4. modification of the allocation formula, consolidating multiple distribution methodologies

Projects/Issues Pending:

Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:

Jo Ann Dotson is retiring from state government on June 30, 2010. Until a state representative is named, Julie Serstad from the Missoula City County Health Department will be the designated ASTDN contact for Montana. Her contact information is: serstadi@ho.missoula.mt.us Phone: 406-258-4986. Fax: 406-258-4913. She is the Chair of the Montana Public Health Nursing Directors.

Public Health Nursing Directors have expressed concern regarding the gradual reduction in public health nurses in leadership positions at the State level.