



Georgia Department of Public Health

Postpartum LARC

Presentation to: ASTHO LARC meeting

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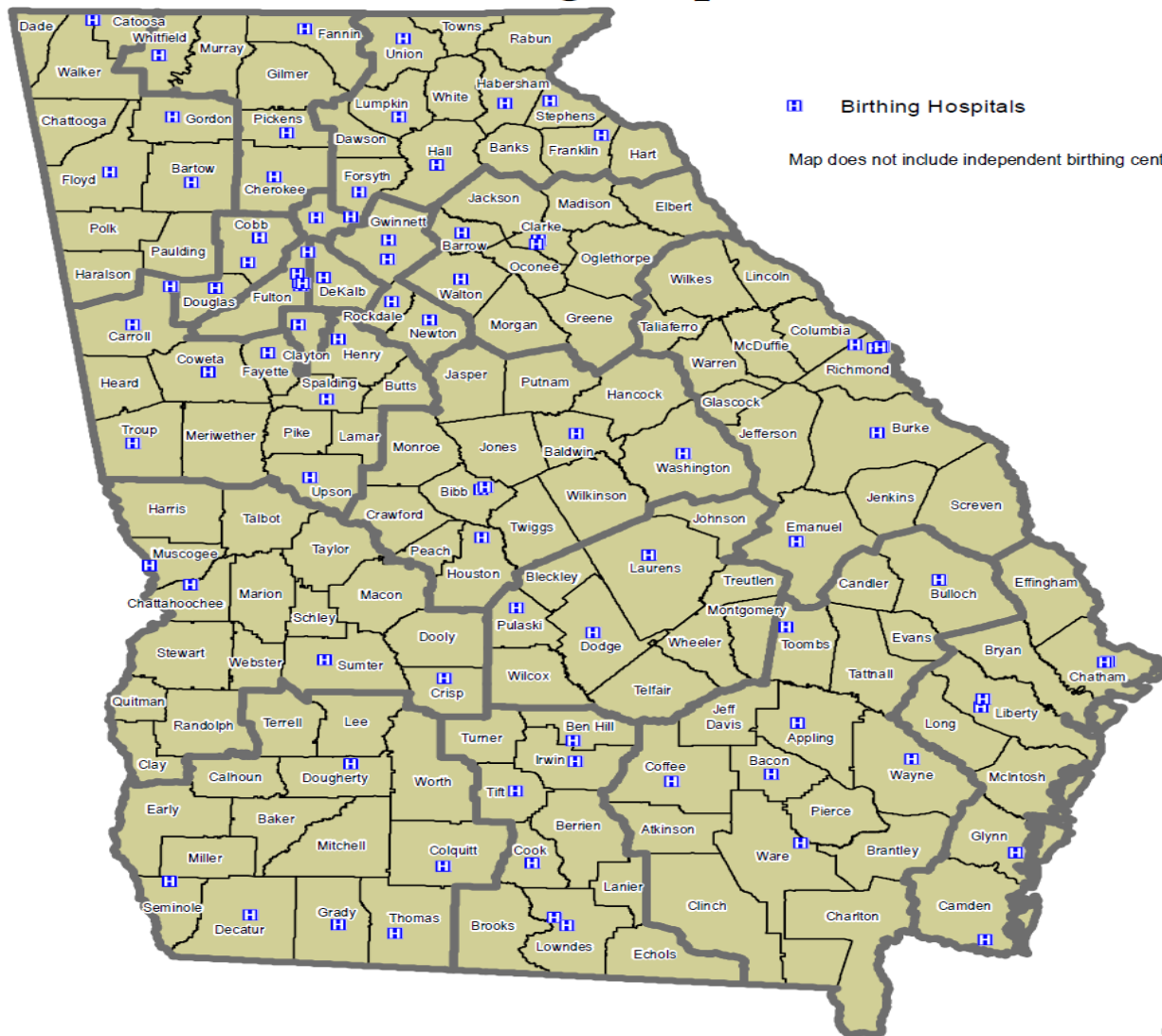
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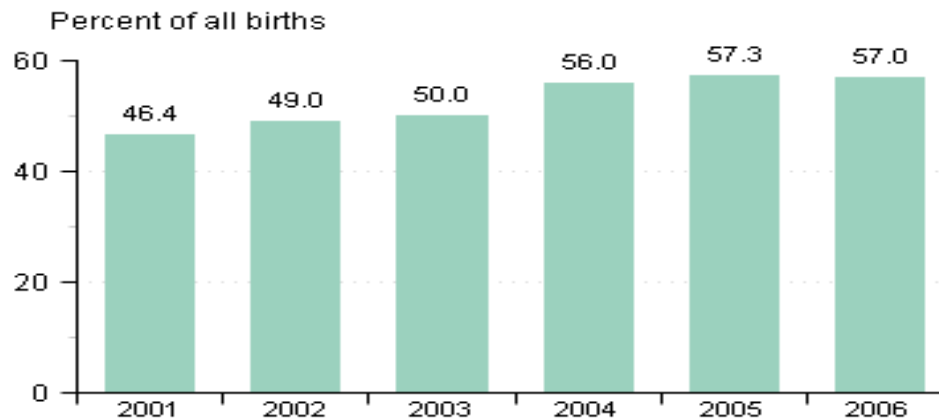


Georgia Birthing Hospitals



Medicaid Deliveries

- 134,000 deliveries per year in Georgia
- 85,000 deliveries per year covered by Medicaid



Medicaid Population

- Medicaid Deliveries
 - Low SES
 - Younger age group
 - Minority
- The Medicaid / non-Medicaid low birth weight (LBW) rates are 10.2 and 7.5, respectively
- Premature birth (< 37 weeks of gestation) is 13% for Medicaid and 11.2% for non-Medicaid.
- Late entry into prenatal care or no prenatal care higher among Medicaid recipients (3.7%) than among non-Medicaid women (1.7%)

Medicaid LARC Reimbursement Policy

- Effective 4/1/14
- Covered Benefits
 - Device insertion immediately postpartum in hospital setting
 - Ultrasound for guiding placement
- Covered Devices: Paragard (J7300), Skyla (J7301), Mirena (J7302), Nexplanon (J7307)
- Payment Methodology
 - Add-on payment outside of the applicable DRG
 - Physician may bill for insertion and device if applicable

Successes

- State recognizes its areas of opportunity and how LARC can help
 - Maternal morbidity/mortality
 - Infant morbidity/mortality
 - Teen pregnancy/rapid repeat pregnancy
 - Health care expenditures
- Partnered broadly and successfully
 - DCH/Medicaid
 - CMO's
 - Georgia OBGYN Society
 - Academia
 - Private practice doctors and midwives

Successes

- Education and Training
 - A “champion” OBGyn expert with fellowship in family planning who is able to do some training throughout the state
 - Use of Regional Perinatal Centers as starting training ground.
- Training at state OBGyn meetings
- Newsletter article
- Perceived need due to high repeat teen pregnancy rate and poor outcomes

Challenges

- Measuring Success
 - Unless just counting insertions, will be a little while before able to measure success
- Hospital Integration of Provision of BC
- Data on Expulsion Rate
- Training for OBGYNs

Thank you