Overview of births in Massachusetts: 2012

- 72,457 births to resident women
- 11% of births occurred in the busiest hospital (Brigham and Women’s)
- 9 hospitals account for half of Massachusetts births
  - 6 of those 9 are in the greater Boston area

- 40% of prenatal care had public payment source
- 7.6% of births were low birthweight
- Teen births reached a historic low in 2012
  - 14.0 births per 1,000 women 15-19
- Infant mortality is stable
  - 4.3 deaths per 1,000 live births
  - Remaining disparities, especially between black and white women

Source: Massachusetts Birth Report, 2012
MassHealth: Massachusetts Medicaid

- Relatively high income limits
  - 100% FPL for long-term unemployed
  - 133% FPL for parents and disabled adults
  - 150% FPL for children
  - 200% FPL for pregnant women
  - Family assistance available at higher income levels and with insurance
- Relatively rich benefits package
  - Covers more services than presumptive eligibility
  - State pays 100% for reproductive health services that do not receive federal match
- Global payments for inpatient services
  - Currently: bundled payment based on 2 years past claims historical data (SPAD)
    - Physician claims may add LARCs to the global labor and delivery to receive 50% reimbursement with appropriate modifier
  - Beginning October 1: move to paying based on APR-DRG grouper (APAD)
Postpartum LARC insertion: facilitators

- Medicaid payment is available for LARC insertion, including postpartum
- Births concentrated in few hospitals
- High insurance rates
  - 94.6% non-elderly adults were insured in 2012
  - 88% of adults were insured for the entire year
- Affordable Care Act
  - Contraceptive coverage without cost-sharing
- Many advanced teaching hospitals with skilled physicians
- Building connections and collaborations through this Learning Collaborative
Postpartum LARC insertion: barriers

- *Perceptions* of payment barriers
  - “We don’t get paid any more if we provide additional services”
  - Caps on LARC insertions
- Private insurance reimbursement is unknown
- Awareness
- Provider training
Other LARC activities

• Majority of 12 funded family planning agencies have some type of LARC-related activity in their FY15 workplans
  • Tiered contraceptive counseling
  • Training for counseling and clinical staff
  • Outreach, promotion, advertising
  • Same day LARC insertion and IUD as EC
• Ensuring awareness and availability of IUD as EC for sexual assault survivors
  • Revised fact sheets for sexual assault survivors
  • Work with SANE and rape crisis programs
• Mass Alliance on Teen Pregnancy
  • Work on teen perceptions to contraception and attitudes towards LARCs
• Integration of QFP into program standards
  • Meeting client’s needs for effective and acceptable contraceptive methods