

PARTNER SERVICES/TREATMENT VERIFICATION WORKGROUP GOALS

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GOAL 1: Import feasible, effective and appropriate practices for partner management.
OBJECTIVE 1: By October 1, 2006, develop and implement plans to encourage the use of EPT among IPP providers.

STATUS: Currently the workgroup is finalizing an EPT toolkit that will be used to assist IPP providers in Region 8.

GOAL 2: Improve appropriate and timely treatment for persons diagnosed with CT infection.

OBJECTIVE 1: Develop and implement a system for collecting data on verification of treatment; focusing on the IPP related PMs:

- *IPP CS1: Among clients of IPP FP clinics, the proportion of women with positive CT tests that are treated within 14 and 30 days of the date of specimen collection.

- *IPP CS2: Among clients of IPP FP clinics, the proportion of women with positive GC tests that are treated within 14 and 30 days of the date of specimen collection.

- Rationale: Rapid follow up and treatment can interrupt transmission of the infection and prevent progression of disease.

- Data Sources: IPP FP clinical and lab records database or similar management system.

- Measurement Specifications:

- *Numerator = # of women treated for CT or GC within 14 and 30 days of the date of specimen collection.

- *Denominator= total # of women who tested positive for CT and GC (from July 14, 2004 Web Conference for 2005 Performance Measures).

STATUS: At the April 2007 meeting, the workgroup decided to table the goal of setting a regional standard since it was determined that data is not defined and collected consistently across the region. The workgroup is in the process of clarifying the region's needs in terms of reporting and interpreting performance measure data, and after these issues are clarified, then they will begin to explore establishing consistent definitions and targets.