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Acronyms Used in This Report

(in alphabetical order)

ACOG:	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	NRAO:	New Rochelle Area Office (Region 5)
ALOS:	Average Length of Stay	NV:	Not Valid
AO:	Area Office	NYC:	New York City
BAO:	Buffalo Area Office (Region 1)	NYCAO:	New York City Area Office (Region 6)
CHP:	Child Health Plus	NYCRR:	New York Code Rules and Regulations
CO:	Central Office	NYSDOH:	New York State Department of Health
COM (C):	Commercial	OB/GYN:	Obstetrician/Gynecologist
DBA:	Doing Business As	OHIP:	Office of Health Insurance Programs
DSS:	Data Submission System	OPMC:	Office of Professional Medical Conduct
EQR:	External Quality Review	OP:	Optimal Practitioner Contact
EQRO:	External Quality Review Organization	PCP:	Primary Care Practitioner/Provider
F/A:	Failed Audit	PIP:	Performance Improvement Project
FAR:	Final Audit Report	PNDS:	Provider Network Data System
FFS:	Fee For Service	POC:	Plan of Corrective Action
FHP:	Family Health Plus	PMPY:	Per Member Per Year
F/U:	Follow-Up	PSR:	Plan-Specific Report
FTE:	Full Time Equivalent	PTMY:	Per Thousand Member Years
HEDIS:	Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set	PHSP:	Prepaid Health Services Plans
HIE:	Health Information Exchange	Q1:	First Quarter (Jan. – March)
HIT:	Health Information Technology	Q2:	Second Quarter (Apr. – June)
HMO:	Health Maintenance Organization	Q3:	Third Quarter (July – Sept.)
HPN:	Health Provider Network	Q4:	Fourth Quarter (Oct. – Dec.)
LIAO:	Long Island Area Office (Region 7)	QARR:	Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements
MARO:	Metropolitan Area Regional Office	R:	Rotated
MCO:	Managed Care Organization	RAO:	Rochester Area Office (Region 2)
MED (M):	Medicaid	RHIO:	Regional Health Information Organization
MMC:	Medicaid Managed Care	ROS:	Rest of State
MMCOR:	Medicaid Managed Care Operating Report	RY:	Reporting Year
N:	Denominator	SAO:	Syracuse Area Office (Region 3)
N/A:	Not Available	SN:	Safety Net
NCQA:	National Committee for Quality Assurance	SOD:	Statement of Deficiency
NEAO:	Northeast Area Office (Region 4)	SS:	Small Sample (Less than 30)
NERO:	Northeast Regional Office	SSI:	Supplemental Security Income
NP:	Not Provided	SWA:	Statewide Average
NR:	Not Reported	TANF:	Temporary Aid to Needy Families
		UR:	Utilization Review

I. About This Report

New York State (NYS) is dedicated to providing and maintaining the highest quality of care for enrollees in managed health care plans. The New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) employs an ongoing strategy to improve the quality of care provided to plan enrollees, to ensure the accountability of these plans and to maintain the continuity of care to the public.

The Plan-Specific Reports (PSRs) are individualized reports on the managed care organizations (MCOs) certified to provide Medicaid coverage in NYS. In accordance with federal requirements, these reports summarize the results of the 2009 External Quality Review (EQR) to evaluate access to, timeliness of and quality of care provided to NYS Medicaid beneficiaries. Mandatory EQR-related activities (as per federal regulation 42 CFR §438.358) reported include validation of plan-reported and NYSDOH-calculated performance measures and review for plan compliance with NYSDOH structure and operation standards. Optional EQR-related activities (as per federal regulation 42 CFR §438.358) reported include technical assistance by the NYS EQRO to plans regarding reporting performance measures. Other data incorporated to provide additional background on the MCOs include the following: health plan corporate structure, enrollment and disenrollment data, provider network information, encounter data summaries, appeal summaries and financial ratios.

These reports are organized into the following domains: Corporate Profile, Enrollment and Provider Network, Utilization, Quality Indicators, Deficiencies and Appeals, and Financial Data. When available and appropriate, the plans' data are compared to the SNP benchmark rate, which is the rate of all three HIV SNPs. Unless otherwise noted, when benchmarks are utilized for rates other than HEDIS®/QARR, comparative statements are based on differences determined by standard deviations: a difference of one standard deviation is used to determine rates that are higher or lower than the statewide average.

In an effort to provide the most consistent presentation of this varied information, the PSR is prepared based on data for the most current calendar year available. Where trending is desirable, data for prior calendar years may also be included. This report includes data for Reporting Year 2009.

II. Corporate Profile

MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. Special Needs Plan (MetroPlus SNP) is a regional, not-for-profit HIV special needs plan (SNP) that services the Medicaid populations. The following report presents plan-specific information for the Medicaid line of business.

- Plan ID: S99A008
- DOH Area Office: MARO
- Corporate Status: Corporation
- Tax Status: Not-for-profit
- Medicaid Managed Care Start Date: February 14, 2003
- Medicaid Service Area: Bronx, Kings, New York and Queens
- Product Line(s): Medicaid
- Contact Information: 160 Water Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10038
(212) 908-8600
- NCQA Accreditation as of 6/30/10: Did not apply
- Medicaid Dental Benefit Provided as of 12/09: Not Provided

III. Enrollment and Provider Network

Enrollment/Disenrollment

Figure 1 depicts total membership for the plan’s Medicaid product line for calendar year 2009.

Figure 1: Membership: Medicaid –2009

	2009
Number of Members	3,293
% Change From Previous Year	

Data Source: MEDS II

Figure 2 gives a breakdown of the plan’s Medicaid membership by age and sex as of December 31, 2009. The Figure also indicates whether the plan’s distribution is statistically higher (indicated by ▲) or statistically lower (indicated by ▼) than the statewide age distribution. Figure 2a displays the percentage of enrollees by age group for MetroPlus SNP in comparison to the statewide percentages.

Figure 2: Medicaid Enrollee Age and Sex Distribution – 2009

Age in Years	Male	Female	Total	Plan Distribution	Statewide
Under 20	320	291	611	18.6%	12.4%
20-44	564	557	1,121	34.0%	38.6%
45 and Over	934	627	1,561	47.4%	49.0%
Total	1,818	1,475	3,293		
Females 15-64 ¹		1,241		37.7%	35.9%

Data source: MEDS II

¹ Females between the ages of 15 to 64 were grouped for this category, since this grouping is inclusive of most women utilizing OB/GYN providers.

Figure 2a: Percentage of Medicaid Enrollees by Age – December 2009

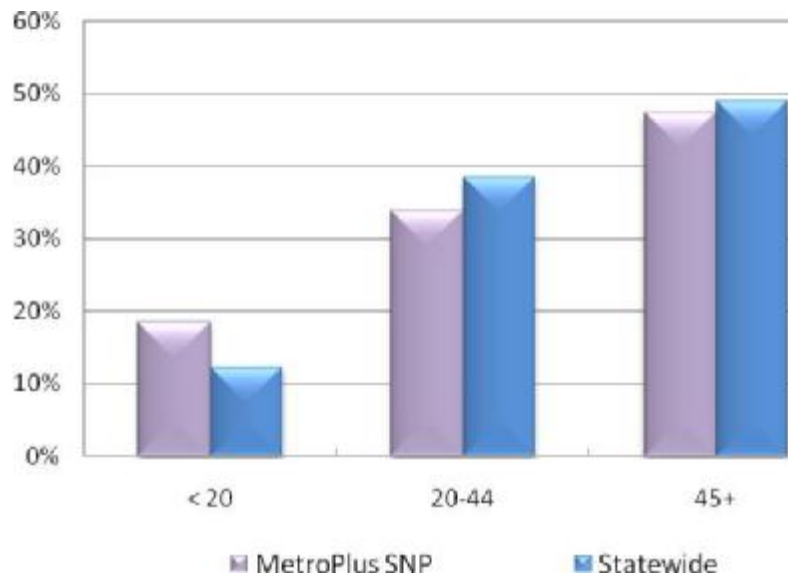


Figure 3 shows MetroPlus SNP’s 2009 Medicaid disenrollment rates. Rates statistically above the statewide average are indicated by ▲, and rates statistically below the statewide average are indicated by ▼. MetroPlus SNP’s Involuntary Disenrollment rate is significantly lower than the average plan in the state.

Figure 3: Medicaid Disenrollment Rates (by percentage of enrollees) - 2009

Enrollment Status ¹	Medicaid	
	MetroPlus	SWA
Voluntary Disenrollment	2.15%	2.42%
Involuntary Disenrollment	0.03% ▼	0.05%
Loss of Eligibility	0.89%	0.94%
Still Enrolled	96.93%	96.59%

¹ These data are derived from aggregating monthly enrollment figures.

Provider Network

Figure 4 shows the percentages of various provider types in the plan for 2009 in comparison to the statewide rates. PCPs represent 12.3% of all providers in MetroPlus SNP's provider network, which is similar to the statewide percentage of 13.1%. Family Practitioners and Internal Medicine physicians account for a lower percentage of the plan's provider network than is seen statewide. For this figure, plan percentages statistically above statewide percentages are indicated by ▲, while plan percentages statistically below statewide percentages are indicated by ▼.

Figure 4: Medicaid Providers by Specialties – 2009 (Q4)

Specialty Type	Number	% of Total Panel	% Statewide
Primary Care Providers	916	12.3%	13.1%
<i>Pediatrics</i>	746	10.0%	8.3%
<i>Family Practice</i>	13	0.2% ▼	0.8%
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	105	1.4% ▼	3.0%
<i>Other PCPs</i>	52	0.7%	1.0%
OB/GYN Specialty ¹	538	7.2%	8.4%
Behavioral Health	994	13.3%	15.5%
Other Specialties	4,874	65.4%	61.0%
Non-PCP Nurse Practitioners	136	1.8%	1.9%
Dentistry ²	1,950		
Total (excluding dentists)	7,458		

Data Source: HPN

¹ Includes OB/GYN specialists, certified nurse midwives and OB/GYN nurse practitioners.

² Dental providers are not included in the provider distribution by specialty or total provider count, since not all plans provide a dental benefit.

Figure 4a displays the ratio of enrollees to providers, as well as the number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) and the ratio of enrollees to FTEs. Statewide data are also included. For this figure, rates above the 90th percentile are indicated by ▲, while rates below the 10th percentile are indicated by ▼. Note that a higher percentile indicates fewer providers per enrollee.

Figure 4a: Ratio of Enrollees to Providers for Medicaid – 2009 (Q4)

Specialty Type	MetroPlus SNP			Statewide		
	Ratio of Enrollees to Providers	Total Number of FTEs	Ratio of Enrollees to FTEs	Median ¹ Ratio of Enrollees to Providers	Total Number of FTEs	Median ¹ Ratio of Enrollees to FTEs
Primary Care Providers	4:1 ▼	149.1	22:1	4:1	252.5	22:1
<i>Pediatrics (Under age 20)</i>	1:1			1:1		
OB/GYN (Females aged 15-64)	2:1			2:1		
Behavioral Health	3:1			3:1		

Data Source: Derived ratios calculated from MEDS II enrollment data and HPN provider data.

¹ The statewide median was used for this Figure as opposed to an average to control for substantial variability due to outliers.

The number of Medicaid PCPs with an “Open Panel” is presented in Figure 4b for 2009. Panels are considered “open” if a provider has less than 1,500 Medicaid members. For this figure, rates statistically above the statewide average are indicated by ▲, while rates statistically below the statewide average are indicated by ▼.

Figure 4b: Medicaid PCPs with an Open Panel – 2009 (Q4)

	2009		
	MetroPlus SNP		Statewide
	Number	% of Providers	% of Providers
Providers with Open Panel	883	86.3%	90.2%

Data Source: HPN

Figure 5 displays QARR *Board Certification* rates for 2009 of providers in the plan’s network in comparison to the statewide averages (SWAs). The Figure also indicates whether the plan’s rate is statistically above (indicated by ▲) or statistically below (indicated by ▼) the statewide average. The plan’s 2009 board certification rates for internal medicine, OB/GYN and other physician specialists are lower than the statewide averages.

Figure 5: QARR Board Certification Rates – 2009

Provider Type	2009	
	MetroPlus SNP	SWA
Medicaid:		
Family Medicine	SS	86%
Internal Medicine	74% ▼	84%
Pediatricians	74%	76%
OB/GYN	61% ▼	70%
Geriatricians	SS	61%
Other Physician Specialists	68% ▼	74%

SS: Sample size too small to report (less than 30 providers) but included in the statewide average.

NYSDOH Primary Care Access & Availability Survey – 2009

On behalf of the NYSDOH’s Division of Managed Care, the NYS EQRO annually conducts the Medicaid Managed Care Access & Availability Survey to assess the compliance of network providers in NYS MCOs with appointment timeframe requirements as per the NYS HIV Special Needs Plan Contract. The 2009 survey evaluated the availability of routine and non-urgent “sick” office hour appointments with primary care physicians, including OB/GYNs, as well as the availability of after hours access.

The timeliness standard for routine office hour appointments with PCPs and OB/GYNs is within 28 days of the enrollee’s request, while non-urgent “sick” office hour appointments with PCPs and OB/GYNs must be scheduled within 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) as clinically indicated. Prenatal appointments with OB/GYN providers within the 2nd trimester must be given within 14 days, while 3rd trimester appointments must be given within 7 days. After hours access is considered compliant if a live voice representing the named provider is reached or if the named provider’s beeper number is reached.

A random sample of 240 provider sites was selected from each region in which a health plan operated and provided primary care as an HIV SNP benefit. Of these 240 provider sites, 120 were surveyed for routine appointments, 80 were surveyed for non-urgent “sick” appointments and 40 were surveyed for after hours access. For MCOs with less than the 240 available provider sites, all providers were selected.

For call type categories in which compliance is below the 75% threshold, plans will receive a Statement Of Deficiency (SOD) issued by the NYSDOH and will be required to develop a Plan Of Correction (POC). These POCs must be approved by the NYSDOH before implementation. Following an allowable time period for plans to execute their POCs, a resurvey will be conducted of the failed providers.

Figure 6 illustrates the plan’s Primary Care Access & Availability Resurvey results for 2009.

Figure 6: Primary Care Access & Availability Resurvey – 2009

Region	Call Type	MetroPlus SNP
6	Routine	85.0%
	Non-Urgent “Sick”	85.0%
	After Hours Access	75.0%

IV. Utilization

This section of the report explores utilization of the health plan's services by examining encounter and health screening data, as well as QARR Use of Services rates.

QARR Use of Services Measures

For this domain of measures, the QARR reports assess performance by indicating whether the plan's rates reached the 90th or 10th percentiles. Figure 7 lists the Use of Services rates for the selected plan product lines for 2009. The Figure indicates whether the plan's rate is higher than 90% of all rates for that measure (indicated by ▲) or whether the plan's rate is lower than 90% of all rates for that measure (indicated by ▼).

Figure 7: QARR Use of Services – 2009

Measure	Medicaid	
	2009	SWA 2009
	Outpatient Utilization (PTMY)	
Outpatient Visits	10,029.0 ▼	11,384.1
Outpatient ER Visits	905.8 ▲	856.1
Ambulatory/Surgery Encounters	416.2 ▲	295.8
Inpatient ALOS		
Medicine	5.8 ▲	5.6
Surgery	9.9 ▲	9.3
Maternity	3.8 ▼	4.0
Total (Medicine, Surgery & Maternity)	5.9	5.8
Inpatient Utilization (PTMY)		
Medicine Cases	330.6 ▼	354.3
Surgery Cases	19.0 ▼	30.9
Maternity Cases	19.3 ▼	15.3
Total Cases	366.9 ▼	399.4

PTMY: Per Thousand Member Years

ALOS: Average Length of Stay. These rates are measured in days.

V. Quality Indicators

To measure the quality of care provided by the plans, the State prepares and reviews a number of reports on a variety of quality indicators. This section is a summary of findings from these reports including HEDIS[®] 2010/QARR 2009 audit findings, as well as results of quality improvement studies, enrollee surveys and plan Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs).

Validation of Performance Measures Reported by Plans and Performance Measures Calculated by the NYSDOH Performance measures are reported and validated using several methodologies. Plans submitted member and provider-level data for several measures to the NYSDOH. The NYS EQRO audited all member and provider-level data for internal consistency. Several performance measures are calculated by the NYSDOH, with source code validated by the NYS EQRO. Finally, plans report a subset of HEDIS[®] measures to the NYSDOH annually, along with several NYS-specific measures. Plan-reported performance measures were validated as per HEDIS[®] 2010 Compliance Audit[™] specifications developed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The results of each plan's HEDIS[®] 2010 Compliance Audit[™] are summarized in its Final Audit Report (FAR).

Summary of HEDIS[®] 2010 Information System Audit[™]

As part of the HEDIS[®] 2010 Compliance Audit[™], auditors assessed the plan's compliance with NCQA standards in the six designated information system categories, as follows:

1. Sound Coding Methods for Medical Data
2. Data Capture, Transfer and Entry – Medical Data
3. Data Capture, Transfer and Entry – Membership Data
4. Data Capture, Transfer and Entry – Practitioner Data
5. Data Integration Required to Meet the Demands of Accurate HEDIS[®] Reporting
6. Control Procedures that Support HEDIS[®] Reporting and Integrity

In addition, two HEDIS[®] related documentation categories were assessed:

1. Documentation
2. Outsourced or Delegated HEDIS[®] Reporting Functions

The NYS EQRO provided technical assistance to plans throughout the performance measure reporting process in the following forms: 1) introductory and technical workshops prior to the audit, 2) readiness reviews for new plans, 3) serving as a liaison between the plans and NCQA to clarify questions regarding measure specifications, 4) preparation of and technical support for the Data Submission System (DSS) used to submit data to the NYSDOH, and 5) clarifications to plan questions regarding the submission of member- and provider-level data, as well as, general questions regarding the audit process.

The HEDIS[®] 2010 Final Audit Report (FAR) prepared for MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. indicates that the plan had no significant problems in any area related to reporting. The plan demonstrated compliance with all areas of the Information Systems and all areas of measure determination required for successful HEDIS[®]/QARR reporting.

The plan used NCQA-certified software to produce HEDIS[®] measures. Supplemental databases were used to capture additional data for the *Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness, Breast Cancer Screening, Chlamydia Screening in Women, Appropriate Testing for Children With Pharyngitis and Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications*. These databases were validated and determined to be HEDIS[®]-compliant by the auditors. No issues were identified with the transfer or mapping of the data elements for reporting.

The plan passed Medical Record Review for the two measures validated. All rates were reportable for the Medicaid product line.

Figure 8 displays 2009 QARR performance rates, as well as the SWAs. The Figure indicates whether the plan's rate is statistically better than the SWA (indicated by ▲) or whether the plan's rate is statistically worse than the SWA (indicated by ▼).

Figure 8: QARR Plan Performance Rates – 2009

Measure	Medicaid	
	2009	2009 SWA
Engaged in Care	87%	88%
Syphilis Screening	59% ▼	65%
Viral Load Monitoring	70%	71%

QARR Access to/Availability of Care Measures

The QARR Access to/Availability of Care measures examine the percentages of children and adults who access certain services, including PCPs or preventive services, prenatal and postpartum care and dental services for selected product lines. Figure 9 displays the Access to/Availability of Care measures for QARR 2009. The Figure indicates whether the plan's rate is higher than 90% of all plans for that measure (indicated by ▲) or whether the plan's rate is lower than 90% of plans for that measure (indicated by ▼).

Figure 9: QARR Access to/Availability of Care Measures – 2009

Measure	Medicaid	
	2009	SWA 2009
	Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Services (AAP)	
20-44 years	98%	98%
45-64 years	98%	99%
65+ years	SS	100%

SS: Sample size too small to report (less than 30 members) but included in the SWA.

VI. Deficiencies and Appeals

This section of the report examines deficiencies identified by the NYSDOH in operational and focused surveys as well as external appeals as part of the EQRO's evaluation of the plan's compliance with State structure and operation standards.

Compliance with NYS Structure and Operation Standards

To assess the compliance of a health plan with Article 44 of the Public Health Law and part 98 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR), the NYSDOH conducts a full monitoring review of the plan's compliance with structure and operation standards once every two years. These standards are reflected in the 14 categories in Figure 20. "Deficiencies" represent a failure to comply with these standards. Each deficiency can result in multiple "citations" to reflect each standard with which the plan is not in compliance.

The full monitoring review consists of an operational survey. The on-site component includes review of the following: policy and procedures, executed contracts and credentialing files of randomly selected providers; adverse determination utilization review files; complaints and grievances files; meeting minutes and other documentation. Staff interviews are also conducted. These reviews are conducted using two standardized tools, the "Medicaid Managed Care Contract Surveillance Tool" and the "Review Tool and Protocol for MCO Operational Surveys." The NYSDOH retains the option to deem compliance with standards for credentialing/recredentialing, quality assurance/improvement and medical record review.

The monitoring review report documents any data obtained and deficiencies cited in the survey tools. Any statements of deficiencies (SODs) are submitted to the plan after the monitoring review and the plan is required to respond with a plan of corrective action (POC). POCs must be submitted to the NYSDOH for acceptance. In some cases, revisions may be necessary and plans are required to resubmit. Ultimately, all plans with SODs must have a POC that is accepted by the NYSDOH. During the alternate years when the full review is not conducted, the NYSDOH reviews any modified documentation and follows up with the plan to ensure that all deficiencies or issues from the operational survey have been remedied.

In addition to the full operational survey conducted every two years, the NYSDOH also conducts several focused reviews as part of the monitoring of structure and operation standards. The focused review types are summarized in Figure 9. Plans are also required to submit POCs in response to deficiencies identified in any of these reviews.

Figure 11 reflects the total number of citations for the most current operational survey of the plan, which ended in 2009, as well as from the focused reviews conducted in 2009. This figure reflects the findings from reviews of the plan as a whole and deficiencies are not differentiated by product line. It is important to note that the number of deficiencies and the number of citations may differ, since each deficiency can have multiple citations.

MetroPlus SNP is in compliance with 12 of 14 categories. The categories in which MetroPlus SNP is not in compliance are Disclosure (2 citations) and Service Delivery Network (1 citation).

Figure 10: Focused Review Types

Review Name	Review Description
Access & Availability	Provider telephone survey of all MMC plans performed by the NYSDOH EQRO to examine appointment availability, for routine and urgent visits; re-audits are performed when results are below 75%. See Figure 8 for a more detailed description.
Complaints	Investigations of complaints that result in an SOD being issued to the plan.
Contracts	Citations reflecting non-compliance with requirements regarding the implementation, termination or non-renewal of MCO provider and management agreements.
Disciplined/Sanctioned Providers	Survey of HPN Networks to ensure providers that have been identified as having their license revoked or surrendered or otherwise sanctioned, are not listed as participating with the MCO.
MEDS (Medicaid Encounter Data Set)	Citations reflecting non-compliance with requirements to report MCO encounter data to the Department of Health.
Member Services Phone Calls	Telephone calls are placed to Member Services by AO staff to determine telephone accessibility and to ensure correct information is being provided to callers.
Other	Used for issues that do not correspond with the available focused review types.
Provider Directory Information	Provider Directories are reviewed to ensure that they contain the required information.
Provider Info-Web	Review of MCO's web-based provider directory to assess accuracy and required content.
Provider Network	Quarterly review of HPN network submissions for adequacy, accessibility and correct listing of primary, specialty and ancillary providers for enrolled population.
Provider Participation – Directory (In addition to the routine Provider Participation – Directory surveys, in 2008 there was a survey specific to dental)	Telephone calls are made to a sample of providers included in the provider directory to determine if they are participating, if panels are open, and if they are taking new Medicaid patients. At times, this survey may be limited to one type of provider.
QARR (Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements)	Citations reflecting non-compliance with requirements to submit MCO QARR data to the Department of Health.
Ratio of PCPs to Medicaid Clients	Telephone calls are placed to PCP with a panel size of 1,500 or more Medicaid clients. The calls are used to determine if appointment availability standards are met for routine, non-urgent sick and urgent appointments.

AO: Area Office

HPN: Health Provider Network

SOD: Statement of Deficiency

Figure 11: Summary of Citations

Category	Review Type/Name (a indicates focused review)		Citations
Complaints and Grievances			0
Credentialing			0
Disclosure			2
<i>a. On 5/26/09 a written request was submitted to the Plan requesting the clinical review criteria used to determine if coverage would be provided for arthroscopic surgery. The Plan failed to send the information concerning this request. The Plan should send disclosure information within three weeks. This question was also answered incorrectly during last quarter's testing on 3/12/09.</i>	a	Member Services Phone Calls	
<i>b. On 9/1/09 a written request was submitted to the Plan requesting the clinical review criteria used to determine if coverage would be provided for arthroscopic surgery. The Plan failed to send the information concerning this request. The Plan should send disclosure information requested within three weeks. This question was also answered incorrectly during the last two quarters of testing on 3/12/09 and 5/26/09. [Repeat Deficiency]</i>	a	Member Services Phone Calls	
Family Planning			0
HIV			0
Management Information Systems			0
Medicaid Contract			0
Medical Records			0
Member Services			0
Organization and Management			0
Prenatal Care			0
Quality Assurance			0
Service Delivery Network			1
<i>c. The Plan failed to update its provider directory on a quarterly basis. One (1) provider identified in the Provider Directory Focus Study of 12/10/08 to 12/22/08 as a non-participating provider was again identified in the Directory of April 2009, as non-participating with the Plan when contacted on 6/29/09.</i>	a	Provider Participation - Directory	
Utilization Review			0
Total			3

External Appeals Summary Report

Figure 12 displays external appeals for 2009 for the Medicaid product line. This Figure reflects absolute numbers, and is not weighted by plan enrollment.

Figure 12: External Appeals – 2009

There were no external appeal determinations for this plan in 2009.

VII. Financial Data

The financial summary is based on data reported in each plan's 2007, 2008 and 2009 Medicaid Managed Care Operating Report (MMCOR). The data contained in the MMCOR reflect the plan's Medicaid line of business only. The data are not audited and are reported on an accrual basis; thus total expenses are impacted by a plan's estimate of services that have been incurred by plan members but have not been billed to the plan. The following is a list of the ratios displayed in Figure 13 and their definitions.

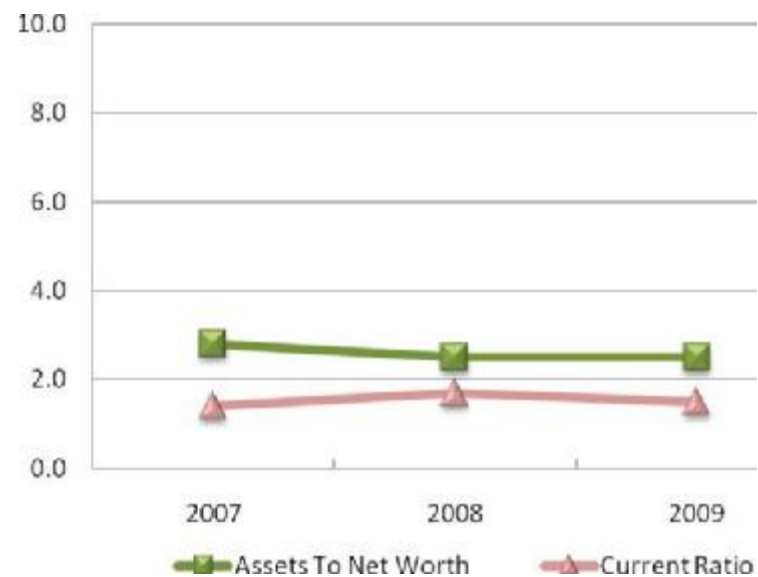
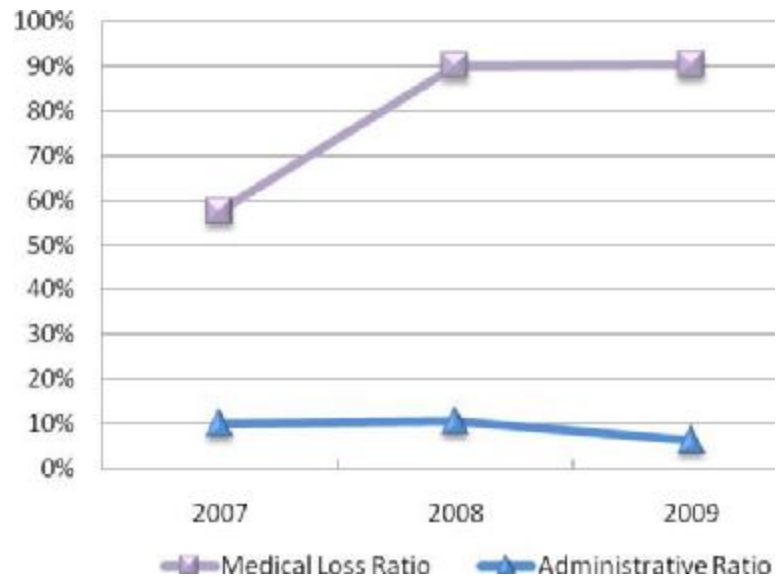
- *Assets to Net Worth*: Reflects the relationship of assets to net worth. For example, a plan with an asset to net worth ratio of 3.0 indicates the plan has \$3 of assets for every \$1 of net worth. The formula is total assets divided by net worth. Assets and net worth are net of intangible assets.
- *Premium Surplus Ratio*: Indicates what percentage of premium dollars goes towards surplus. This ratio is calculated by dividing premium income by total premium revenue. It indicates whether a plan is generating sufficient revenue from its premiums to cover medical and administrative expenses.
- *Medical Loss Ratio*: Indicates what percentage of premium dollars is spent on medical costs. This ratio is calculated by dividing total medical costs by total premium revenue.
- *Administrative Ratio*: Indicates what percentage of premium dollars is spent on administrative costs. This ratio is calculated by dividing total administrative costs by total premium revenue.
- *Current Ratio*: Reflects to what degree current assets cover current liabilities. The formula is current assets divided by current liabilities.

Figure 13a graphically trends selected measures from Figure 13.

Figure 13: Selected Financial Ratios – 2007-2009

	2007		2008		2009	
	MetroPlus SNP	SWA	MetroPlus SNP	SWA	MetroPlus SNP	SWA
PROFITABILITY						
Assets To Net Worth = (Total Assets - Intangibles)/ (Net Worth - Intangibles)	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Premium Surplus Ratio = Premium Income/Premium Revenue	32.4%	12.6%	-0.8%	-3.3%	3.3%	4.6%
Medical Loss Ratio = Medical Expenses/Premium Revenue	57.7%	69.1%	90.2%	84.7%	90.4%	83.0%
Administrative Ratio = Admin Expenses/Premium Revenue	9.9%	18.4%	10.5%	18.6%	6.3%	12.4%
LIQUIDITY						
Current Ratio = Current Assets/Current Liabilities	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5

Figure 13a: Trends for Selected Financial Ratios – 2007-2009



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