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**Creation of a Midwifery Practice:
Collaboration between a Federally Qualified Health Center and
Private Practice to Increase Access to Early Prenatal Care**

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Objective of Program: The objective of this program was to increase access to care for pregnant women who reside in a rural Adirondack region through creation of a midwifery practice and policy change.

Description of Program: Through a collaborative agreement between a federally qualified health center (FQHC) and a private Ob-Gyn practice the establishment of a midwifery practice, located within the FQHC. The midwifery practice provided care to pregnant women, assisted them in obtaining Medicaid, if necessary, and provided delivery services at the local community hospital. Referral of high risk Ob patients to the collaborating private practice was determined through pre-approved protocols. This resulted in a policy change in the Glens Falls area in which pregnant women insured with Medicaid no longer needed to be assigned a provider through the case management department within the hospital. It also enabled women to seek early prenatal care.

Results: Hudson Headwaters Health Network (FQHC) continues to provide Women's Health Services (Ob-Gyn care) to the insured and uninsured women from a rural Adirondack region. Due to increased access, more women are entering prenatal care in the first trimester. Enrollment services are provided to determine eligibility of patients to participate in federal and state funded insurance programs.