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**Subject:** RE: PMAP+ monitoring meetings  
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Jen - I think I'm going to withdraw the question on the CD pilot for now. I need to do some more looking into how it will actually be operationalized

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Subject: RE: PMAP+ monitoring meetings

Hi Gretchen

Thank you for the agenda items. I'll keep an eye out for the draft protocol. If you have any written information (or a web link) about the chemical dependency treatment pilot, could you please share that as well?

Thank you.

Jen

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Hi Jen – I appreciate your interest in setting an agenda.

I think the most pressing issue will be to review MN's draft Operational Protocol for the adults without children group. We want to make sure we're on the same page with you. We'll submit a draft prior to the call.

In addition, we have a question about allowing certain enrollees to opt out of mandatory managed care to participate in a pilot program for persons with severe chemical dependency who have had multiple inpatient treatment episodes during a certain time period. There are a small number of adults without children who reside in pilot counties and are eligible for a county and state-funded program relating to chemical dependency treatment services. For operational reasons, it is much more feasible to allow such persons to remain in the pilot if they receive their medical services via fee for service rather than managed care. Would Minnesota need an amendment to the PMAP waiver to allow this group to opt into FFS if they qualify for the pilot? We don't believe we need explicit waiver authority to allow this subset of enrollees additional freedom of choice.

Thanks,

Gretchen

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Thanks Gretchen.

I'd like to try to have agendas for these meetings, so please let me know if you have anything in mind that you'd like to discuss during our first meeting next Wednesday.

Jen

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Thanks, Jen -

Second Wednesdays at 2pm would be fine for Minnesota. We look forward to working with you.

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Hi Gretchen

With the PMAP+ renewal and childless adult amendment process behind us, I'd like to get things settled on the demonstration monitoring front. With that in mind, I propose we hold a 1-hour conference call on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm Central to discuss the demonstration and any issues related to it. Please let me know if this time will work for you; if it does, I'll send out an Outlook appointment with the conference call information. I know that the STCs mention bimonthly calls, but I believe that during these early days of my tenure as Minnesota's project officer and potentially with additional amendments coming down the line, in the short term a monthly call might better meet both our needs.

Thanks, and I look forward to working more closely with you on the PMAP+ demonstration.

Jen

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