Attachment C: Documentation of Network Adequacy for THP Service Area Expansion

The State of West Virginia reviewed documentation of network adequacy from The Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley (THP) to ensure compliance with program standards. Below, we provide detail on availability of PCPs, OB/GYNs, and hospitals within THP's network for the two expansion counties (Berkeley and McDowell). As described below, the network standards include member-to-provider ratios for PCPs and OB/GYNs and travel time standards for a broad array of specialty types, including PCPs, OB/GYNs, hospitals, frequently-used specialists (e.g., vision, general surgery), and other specialists (e.g., cardiologists, physical therapy). BMS assessed geographic availability for all specialty types defined in the standard and found THP to meet network adequacy but is providing documentation that focuses on PCPs, OB/GYNs, and hospitals, due to the volume of the request.

Member-to-Provider Ratio

For each county, THP reported the number of unique contracted providers located within the county (some providers have multiple locations across the county or state). MCOs must contract with at least one PCP for every 500 MCO members and one OB/GYN and/or nurse midwife for every 1,000 MCO members. The number of members in the member portion of the ratio is calculated using 50% of total managed care eligibles in the county. (BMS chooses to use a conservative approach that would require MCOs to have a sufficient number of providers to cover 50% of managed care eligibles in a county where there are already two other MCOs in operation and 33.3% of eligibles in a county where there are already three MCOs in operation. In practice, it will take some time for THP to achieve significant membership in these counties because all currently-eligible beneficiaries are enrolled in one of the other two plans and would have to make a positive choice to switch plans.)

	THP - PCPs	Required # of PCPs
Berkeley	38	12
McDowell	26	4

	THP - OB/GYNs	Required # of OB/GYNs
Berkeley	9	6
McDowell	4	2

Travel Time Standard: PCPs

As demonstrated on the map below, all beneficiaries in Berkeley and McDowell have access to at least two PCPs in THP's network within 30 minutes travel time (25 miles).

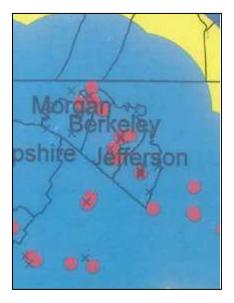


Figure 1: THP PCPs near Berkeley

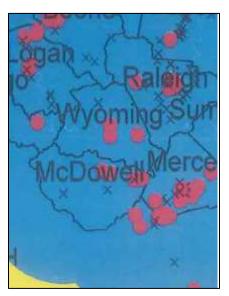


Figure 2: THP PCPs near McDowell



Travel Time Standard: OB/GYN

As demonstrated on the map below, all beneficiaries in Berkeley and McDowell have access to at least two OB/GYN providers in THP's network within 30 minutes travel time (25 miles).

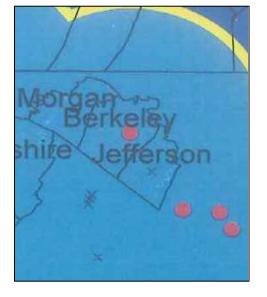
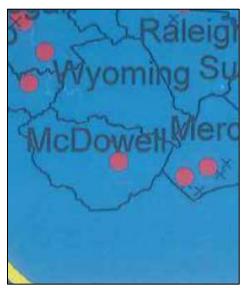


Figure 3: THP OB/GYNs near Berkeley







Travel Time Standard: Hospitals

As demonstrated on the map below, all beneficiaries in Berkeley and McDowell have access to at least one hospital within THP's network within 45 minutes travel time (37 miles).

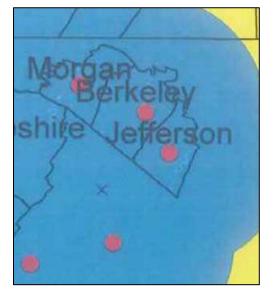
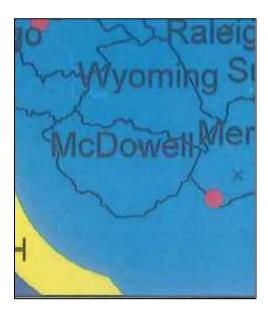


Figure 5: THP Hospitals near Berkeley





Note: There are no hospitals located within McDowell County.

Figure 6: THP Hospitals near McDowell