PRA/SPECT SYSTEM

A Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA) tool is used to refer pregnant women to home visiting services through a Single Point of Entry and Client Tracking System (SPECT)

The PRA tool is completed by prenatal care providers in New Jersey and is designed to be:
• A uniform assessment tool to determine the risk factors affecting a current pregnancy
• Sent electronically to Family Health Initiatives for data processing
• Forwarded to Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to authorize enrollment and case management
• Forwarded to Home Visiting providers when referral for home visiting is necessary and desired by the patient

The SPECT system is designed to:
• Automatically forward referrals received from MCH providers in a community to the appropriate home visiting program/agency
• Provide participating home visiting agencies and referring providers with a web portal to identify families involved in home visiting programs
• Report summary data to participating agencies and providers

Home visiting agencies serving a common community:
• Designate a lead agency to maintain the PRA/SPECT data system and coordinate the PRA/SPECT partnership;
• Determine and agree upon criteria for triage of home visiting referrals;
• Initiate signed agreements to share information about clients in the system with all partner agencies (referring and receiving);
• Agree to use the PRA as a uniform referral tool which is completed by referring agencies.

Referring maternal and child health providers:
• Complete the PRA tool on ALL women who enter care.
• Document the need for a home visiting referral in the referral section of the form. (“Community Home Visiting”)

The PRA/SPECT system:
• Receives client information and triages the referral to a home visiting partner agency via e-mail.
• Triages referrals according to criteria determined by the partnership
• Saves client information in a database

Home Visiting Agencies:
• Notify referring agencies that about client assignments and send periodic updates about client activity to the provider.
• Are responsible for closing cases in the SPECT system.

All partner agencies (referring and receiving)
• May view names and addresses of families receiving home visiting services, as well as:
  o Names of home visiting programs/agencies involved with the family
  o Names of case managers assigned to the family
  o Dates of service