

Provider Network and Access - Mapping and Network Analysis

The Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA) has established a process for monitoring the provider network with the goal of maintaining the best possible access to health care for our beneficiaries. Geographic mapping of health care providers is an important tool in analyzing the distribution of providers in comparison to beneficiaries. By producing a visual representation of the provider network, mapping helps detect changes in patterns and availabilities of services. With systemic analysis that includes regular updates to geographic mapping of health care providers, outreach can be targeted and proactive.

Initial maps of dentists, psychiatric health care providers, primary care providers, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists using SFY 2007 data have been completed. Maps of SFY 2007 nursing home data will be completed by December 2008.

The analysis and monitoring is a continuous process, and year-to-year comparisons will be available as maps are updated with SFY 2008 data, according the schedule listed below:

November 2008

Dental Providers

December 2008

Psychiatric Providers

(Psychiatrist, Psychologist, and Clinical Social Workers)

January 2009

Primary Care Providers

(Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and internal Medicine, Naturopaths, Nurse Practitioners)

February 2009

Nursing Homes

March 2009

Pharmacy and Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers

April 2009

**Physical therapists, Occupational Therapists,
Speech Therapists**