Medicaid Interest High

• Medicaid is a major payer for births in this country
  – Poor birth outcomes is a heavy cost burden
• Delivery system and payment reform a focus area for agencies
  – A number of multi-payer initiatives underway
• Many moms in managed care
  – May offer more “mainstream” birth options.
States vary widely

- Medicaid
- Health facilities oversight and regulation
- Professional regulation
- Community norms

This variation will make establishing a national picture/baseline difficult.
Future of Pregnancy Coverage

• Expansion or not by state
• Eligibility levels for pregnant women vary by state and could change
• Churn among coverage programs an open question
Encouraging Alternative Settings

- Data collection challenges
- A national standard will be difficult to establish
- Shifting landscape in Medicaid for coming (5?) years

- But...interest is high, so sharing of best practices will be important.