



Partnered Project: National Evidence-Based Budgeting Initiative

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Consultants for OPP and PEPReC staff continued an ongoing collaboration regarding refinements to the Enrollee Health Care Projection Model. Specific changes to the model approved in the last year include detailed specifications for applying labor force participation and unemployment rate projections from OMB. Collaborative research is continuing regarding the expected effects of Medicaid eligibility policy and other external factors on demand for VA care. Results from this research have yet to be incorporated into the model. PEPReC staff also consulted with OPP and consultants regarding the sampling design of the Survey of Enrollees and future risks of non-response bias.

Work with OPP is currently focused on potential collaborations with the Office of Finance and with Workforce Management and Consulting. PEPReC would collaborate with the Office of Finance to generate and document evidence to support drafting of the medical services chapter of the President's Budget. The proposed partnership with Workforce Management would develop a data-driven strategy to identify staffing standards and target VA's recruitment and retention programs.

Other tasks completed for OPP include:

- Engaged with OPP on analysis of comparison of VA costs and productivity to those of non-VA providers
- Consulted with OPP to select trending factors for VA reliance in near-term forecasts
- Consulted with OMB and OPP to refine and interpret simulations to support community care forecasts