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Reviewers report dated 24 May 2012

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my co-authors I am submitting the revised manuscript for consideration as a publication in Health Research Policy and Systems. We have studied the updated comments from the reviewer provided to us on May 24, 2012, and have incorporated her suggestions into our paper (using track change mode to facilitate your review). The following summarizes the actions taken in response to each reviewer.

We’d like to thank the reviewer for her thoughtful comments and suggestions. The sustained attention to our paper has made it even better.

With best regards,

Dale Huntington

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Méa cupla – there were several typos (including the title), which were in part due to confusion using track changes as well as the quick turn-around time. A careful spell check was performed.

Discretionary Revisions

1. We added information to the introduction to further clarify the highly selective process that is used to recruit physicians into the SQH franchise, and drew out the implications somewhat in the discussion section (first paragraph).
2. The first sentence of the last paragraph has been modified to clarify the concern about out of pocket payments as a source of payment for the increased volume of services.
3. We replaced the term birth spacing with family planning throughout.