Appendix 2 (as supplied by authors): Medical codes included in outcome measures

(1) Total number of medical visits: All codes minus any intervention or diagnosis indicating gynecological visit, pregnancy, abortion, or delivery.

(2) Medical visits for injuries: ICD-9 codes between 800.0 to 999.9

(3) Medical visits for lifestyle-related illness: Obesity codes 2780-2789; Diabetes codes 2500-2509; Ulcers codes 5310-5339; Alcohol dependence codes 3030-3039 and/or 9800-9800; Drug dependence codes 3040-3049.

(4) Visits to medical specialists: Within the RAMQ codes, there is a specific field that indicates visit to a specialist. Any "non-blank" or "non-zero" codes (a blank would suggest a general practitioner physician) used in this field was included.

(5) ER visits: Variable created by a count of the "ER" code within the "milieu" field.

(6) Medicare dental visits: V codes72.2, 53.4 and 52.3 PLUS ICD-9 codes 520 to 528, excluding 527.

(7) Medical visits for infections: ICD-9 codes 0 to 139; 460-519 (excluding asthma); 380-382.

(8) Gynecological and obstetric visits (calculated for women only): 6100 – 6769.

(9) Hospitalizations: Information provided by the MSSS. No codes, just number counts of instances per person.