



Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health Action Agenda for 2017

These specific items correlate to our policy agenda and are likely to see action in 2017. We will dedicate the bulk of our resources and efforts to supporting the following issues.

Medicaid

Support preservation of Medicaid rates for all services with a focus on obstetrical care, pediatric specialty care, Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), dental health and primary care services.

- Educate congressional members on Medicaid and oppose efforts to “block grant” funds
- Monitor transition to managed care for Maternal Infant Health Program
- Ensure continued funding for Child and Adolescent Health Centers

Family Supports

Reinforce the benefits of support and coaching for families in health and development such as home visiting.

- Advocate for continuation of federal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting funding
- Seek appropriation or earmark for statewide needs assessment for home visiting

Policy and Legislation

Work with partners to advocate for policy, legislation, funding, and strategies to improve and support the following:

- 1) Re-establishment of perinatal regionalization
 - Provide policy support for regional perinatal collaboratives
 - Establish a Fetal Infant Mortality Review in every county/region
 - Encourage Medical Services Administration to cover progesterone for pregnant women prenatally to prevent premature birth
- 2) Prevention of unintended pregnancies
 - Reimbursement for LARC insertion immediately following delivery
- 3) Breastfeeding/availability of breastmilk
 - Medicaid coverage of banked breastmilk for premature infants
 - Monitoring availability of breastpumps
- 4) Prevention and remediation of lead and other environmental toxins for pregnant women and children
 - Ensure every child with elevated lead levels has access to case management services locally
- 5) Prevention of unintentional childhood injuries
 - Reintroduce safety seat law to meet national standards

- 6) Prevention of violence against children and women
 - Require continuing education on child abuse and neglect for all licensed health care providers

Education

Engage in multipronged efforts to educate stakeholders and direct attention to these issues:

- 1) Coordinated school health and the roles of school-based and school-linked health centers, school nurses, and school health coordinators
 - Convene stakeholders' group as part of Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant to the School Community Health Alliance of Michigan
- 2) Distinct mental health and substance use disorder prevention needs of children and women (prenatal and postnatal)
 - Monitor the physical/behavioral integration and opioid abuse discussions for opportunities to enhance services
- 3) Sleep-related infant deaths
- 4) The value of multitier interdisciplinary healthcare workforce
 - Impact of adverse childhood experiences and the need for trauma-informed care
 - Support efforts to require screening and direct funding to appropriate care
- 5) Maternal Mortality & Infant Mortality
 - Multidisciplinary statewide efforts for reduction
- 6) The importance of newborn screening
 - Pursue reimbursement for hospitals for newborn screening cards

Access

Work with partners to improve access to, reimbursement for, and utilization of the following maternal and child health services:

- 1) Preventive oral health care and quality dental homes
- 2) Special health care services for children
- 3) Childhood immunizations
 - Seek legislation to require health insurers to reimburse local public health departments
- 4) Behavioral health including timely psychiatric placement as needed
- 5) Availability of transportation to facilitate access to services
- 6) Pediatric palliative care, hospice and bereavement services