June 2, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

As you continue working on the next legislative package to address the current coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic, we urge you to prioritize the needs of our nation’s maternal and child health populations, including those with special health care needs. We request that you provide additional funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services (MCH) Block Grant, administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Due to COVID-19, there are gaps emerging in maternal and child health services, and additional resources are needed to address these issues both now and in the aftermath of the immediate crisis. These include, but are not limited to, delays in initial newborn hearing and bloodspot screening; concerns about increased risk for injuries at home, such as window falls or drownings; adherence to childhood immunization schedules and developmental screenings; and adequate nutrition and addressing the unique needs of women and infants in the perinatal period.

States are in dire need of additional Title V MCH Block Grant funding in order to meet the specific maternal and child health needs impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic including supporting transition to telehealth services; assuring timeliness of screening and follow-up for heritable disorders and hearing; providing critical information to pregnant women and new mothers; and ensuring access to medication and equipment for children with special health care needs.

The Title V MCH Block Grant is a cost-effective, accountable, and flexible funding source used to address the most critical, pressing, and unique needs of maternal and child health populations in each state, territory, and jurisdiction of the United States. According to data gathered by HRSA, 91% of all pregnant women, 99% of infants, and 54% of children nationwide benefitted from a Title V-supported service in FY2018.

The flexible nature of the MCH Block Grant makes it an easily deployable source of support for states to meet locally identified needs and foster positive maternal and child health outcomes. We urge you to provide additional funding for the Title V MCH Block Grant in the next legislative vehicle for COVID-19 relief.

Sincerely,
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