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Health Reform Implementation

More Women are Getting Breast Cancer Screenings under Medicaid Expansion

According to a new [study](#) by the [Radiological Society of America](#), low-income women living in Medicaid Expansion states are more likely to get screened for breast cancer than low-income women living in non-expansion states. Using data from the 2008 and 2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and adjusting for age, education, income and race, the analysis showed that low-income women in expansion states had a similar likelihood of being screened to those in non-expansion states in 2008. However, in 2012, after the early-expander states implemented their programs, low-income women in [expansion states](#) were 25 percent more likely to be screened for breast cancer than those in non-expansion states. The next step for these researchers is to explore whether expanded coverage and more mammograms translate to better health outcomes with regard to breast cancer.

Rise in Early Cancer Detection is Linked to Affordable Care Act

Studies have shown that women with health insurance are far more likely to receive the recommended health screenings that lead to early cancer detection. Starting in 2010, a provision of the [Affordable Care Act](#) allowed dependents to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26, resulting in a substantial drop in the number of uninsured young adults. Researchers from the [American Cancer Society](#) used the National Cancer Data Base, a hospital-based registry of about 70 percent of all cancer cases in the United States, to determine whether or not the ACA's coverage provision is impacting the rate of early cervical cancer detection in young women. Their

[data comparison](#) found that early-stage diagnoses rose substantially among women aged 21 to 25 after the health law took effect. Since November 2009, the [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#) has [recommended](#) that cervical cancer screening begin at age 21, the only cancer screening recommendation for that age group.

Deadline Approaches to Apply for Coverage Beginning Jan. 1, 2016

The third season of open enrollment opened on Nov. 1, 2015. Consumers interested in enrolling in coverage that begins Jan. 1, 2016, must select a plan by Dec. 15. Applications submitted after the Dec. 15 deadline will result in coverage beginning Feb. 1, 2016. Consumers can get connected to coverage through a navigator organization or by visiting [healthcare.gov](#) or calling 1-800-318-2596. For a list of navigator organizations in your state, visit the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS). The Health Insurance Marketplace will remain open until Jan. 31, 2016. Eligible consumers can apply for [Medicaid](#) and the [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP) year-round.

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2016-2018 Developmental Monitoring Within State Systems Grants Request for Applications

Through funding from the CDC National Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, AMCHP will facilitate a competitive award process of up to \$20,000 to 12 states or territories over the next two years. The purpose of this grant is to increase parent-engaged

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developmental monitoring by promoting the adoption and integration of Learn the Signs. Act Early. materials and training resources into programs and statewide systems that serve young children and their families, such as Early Head Start/Head Start, child care, home visiting, WIC, Child Find, health care, etc. AMCHP will provide ongoing technical assistance, disseminate resource materials and link grantees to other states and experts in early identification of developmental delay. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). **Applications are due Feb. 29, 2016**, and the applicant informational conference call will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. EST. Please RSVP to cfloyd@amchp.org if you plan to participate on the call. For additional questions, contact Kate Taft, senior program manager, children and youth with special health care needs, at ктаft@amchp.org or (202) 266-3056, or Cori Floyd, program associate, child and adolescent health, at cfloyd@amchp.org or (202) 266-3046.

Call for Abstracts: 2016 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference

CityMatCH invites you to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentation in two tracks: scientific research and data or program and policy issues in maternal and child health. This is an opportunity to share your successes, research, results, and lessons learned with national and global audiences. The deadline to submit an abstract is Feb. 19, 2016. To apply, [click here](#). Please contact Carol Gilbert at cgilbert@unmc.edu /402-552-9589 or Maureen Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@unmc.edu /402-552-9585 for any questions or concerns.

HSIP Host-Site Applications Needed

Health Systems Integration Program (HSIP) is an opportunity for health systems capacity building between public health and clinical care partners. The HSIP fellowship places public health practitioners with a background in epidemiology and informatics at health departments for a one-year program. Fellows have a master's degree or higher with a commitment to working in applied public health. Fellows are involved in projects that address community epidemiologic surveillance to support community health improvement plans, the public health interface and use of electronic health records, the

sharing of lessons learned from successful public health and primary care professional partnerships. All applications must include a letter of support from the applicant's state health officer, State Epidemiologist, or local health officer. Applications are due **Dec. 16, 2015**. To apply, [click here](#). Please contact Jessica Pittman at jpittman@cste.org or Amanda Masters at amasters@cste.org if you have any questions.

NACCHO Call for Abstracts

The 2016 NACCHO Annual Conference theme is "Creating a Culture of Health Equity." The conference provides attendees the opportunity to share the latest research and ideas, network, and test their assumptions about issues and topics that specifically concern their organizations. The deadline to submit an abstract for next year's conference is **Friday, Dec. 18 at 11:59 p.m. PST**. To apply, [click here](#). Please contact the NACCHO Annual speaker coordinator at nacchospeakers@conferencemanager.com or 703-964-1240, ext. 11, for questions and concerns.

Don't Miss Tomorrow's Final MCH Coffee Twitter Chat

Join Brenda Jones, DHSc, RN, MSN, WHNP-BC, hospital field surveyor, The Joint Commission, (former IL Title V director) on Dec. 16 from 3-4 p.m. EST for a Twitter chat on managing change. Managing change is not an easy task – especially some of the "moving the needle" efforts currently gearing up in Title V programs! Successful collective impact efforts require a few key conditions – among them a united plan among the many individuals and organizations that impact the issue as well as collaboration among the many key players. While the effects of collective impact are often outside the control of a single individual or organization, achieving change within those systems is dependent on great leadership at both the individual and organizational levels. This presentation will share a brief overview of the leadership skills and capacities needed to lead collective impact initiatives, followed by Brenda's personal experience in creating collective action among key players during a major statewide MCH reorganization. To watch the video presentation before the chat, [click here](#).

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Webinar Series Supporting MCH Block Grant Transformation Implementation

Taking Action with Evidence: Implementation Roadmaps

AMCHP and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Strengthen the Evidence Base for MCH are pleased to host a series of webinars to support your next phase of action – selecting evidence-based or -informed strategies and developing your state-initiated Evidence-based or -informed Strategy Measures (ESMs) that will impact your state selected Title V population-based National Performance Measures (NPMs).

Each webinar in the series will focus on one of the 15 NPMs. The series will take place through February. The next webinars are scheduled as follows:

NPM #11 Medical Home Dec. 16, 2015 4 p.m. EST
NPM #5 Safe Sleep Jan. 14, 2016 at 4 p.m. EST

More information about the series and registration links for each webinar are posted to the [MCH Block Grant Transformation Resources](#) page on the AMCHP website. We will update this site on a rolling basis and provide reminders in *Member Briefs*.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal & Child Health

Pediatric Medical Home Implementation Resource Tutorials Available for Viewing

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) created video tutorials describing three popular resources available to assist with implementation of pediatric medical home: the “Building Your Medical Home” online resource guide, the new NCMHI website, and a collection of state-based pediatric medical home resources created in collaboration with the National Academy for State Health Policy. Tutorials provide information on how to find and use each resource to meet the diverse needs of clinicians, families,

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policyholders, and other pediatric medical home stakeholders. [View the resource tutorials here!](#)

ASTHO Releases U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands Profile Report

ASTHO released the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) Profile Report, which contains data collected from the five territories and freely associated states that responded to the 2012 ASTHO Profile Survey. The first section of the report compares the activities performed by the five responding jurisdictions, while the second section provides a profile of each of the five responding jurisdictions. To view the report, [click here](#). Please contact Rivka Liss-Levinson at rlisslevinson@astho.org, the director of survey research for additional information.

America’s Annual Report Health Rankings

The recently published America’s Health Rankings, which contains state-by-state analysis of factors affecting the health of individuals and communities across America. It delivers an in-depth, trusted view into the status of America’s health that has been used by state and local public health leaders across the country to inform state health priorities and help transform health systems. To access the guide [click here](#).

New Data from Pilot Project Looking at Younger Children with ASD

A new CDC report, published in the *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, suggests that progress has been made in identifying children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at younger ages. The

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earlier children are identified as having ASD, the sooner they can get services they need to help them reach their full potential. Health professionals, childcare providers, and educators who work with preschool-aged children in the five communities where this pilot project was conducted and in communities across this country can use this new information to help ensure that all children with ASD are identified and connected to services as soon as possible. To read the report's key findings, [click here](#). To access the article's abstract, [click here](#).

Women's & Infant Health

ASTHO Issue Brief Discusses How States are Increasing Access to Progesterone to Prevent Preterm Births

ASTHO published a new brief which discusses the importance of 17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone caproate, or 17P, in preventing recurrent preterm birth. The brief notes the availability and access issues that prevent many eligible women from receiving 17P, and describes six states' innovative efforts to improve access to 17P through collaborations with Medicaid agencies, enhancing the 17P ordering and administration process, increasing provider and patient education about 17P, and improving state reimbursement policies. To view the brief, [click here](#).

Early-Bird Rates End Dec. 18 – Register Today!



The banner features a yellow background with the text "The FUTURE is NOW: Integrating MCH Transformations" in white and black. Below the text are three photographs: a woman holding a child, a man and woman with a baby, and a young girl smiling. At the bottom, there are stylized daisy flowers and the text "AMCHP 2016 January 23-26 Hyatt Regency Washington".

ON YOUR BEHALF

- On Dec. 1, AMCHP staff Erin Bonzon participated in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Conference in Baltimore, MD. This learning event brought together national health care leaders from across CMS, HHS, and other key public and private stakeholder organizations to foster collaboration, share, learn from existing models of success, and provide training and resources required for the implementation of successful health care quality improvement efforts across the nation. The CMS Maternal & Infant Health Initiative was highlighted throughout the conference. This initiative collaborates with states to promote coverage of women before and after pregnancy, strengthens technical assistance to enhance provider service delivery, and expands beneficiary engagement in their care through enhanced outreach and partnership with other federal agencies.
- On Dec. 7, AMCHP staff Erin Bonzon was a panelist on the Lamaze International Roundtable on Childbirth Education. The roundtable brought stakeholders and experts together to discuss the role that evidence-based childbirth education has in supporting initiatives to improve healthy birth outcomes for all women in the United States, such as increasing patient engagement, shared decision making, quality improvements, and cost efficiencies. As a respected stakeholder and voice on maternal and child health issues, AMCHP will continue to work with Lamaze International to improve outcomes for women and their babies.

Do you have a great infographic? AMCHP is now featuring infographics from our members in *Member Briefs*! To have an infographic featured, please e-mail a submission to jfarfalla@amchp.org.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

MCHB Seeks Integrated Services Branch Chief in Division of Services for CSHCN

As a Supervisory Public Health Analyst, you will lead, direct, and administer the implementation of core programs to facilitate the development of community-based systems of services for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). In this capacity, you will:

- Participate in national meetings and addresses and prepare scientific papers for national professional groups.
- Identify needs, establish immediate and long-term goals and strategies, oversee program budgets, monitor progress, and stimulate action to achieve program goals and objectives for the broad population of CSHCN.
- Administer grant programs for certain authorized conditions including traumatic brain injury, autism disorders, epilepsy, newborn hearing screening, and the family to family health information centers in each state.
- Participate with the director and deputy director, DSCSHN, in the development and formulation of overall plans and policies for the Division in accordance with authorizing legislation, professional standards, and in accordance with operating policies and regulations of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, and DHHS.

- Direct and supervise an interdisciplinary group of health professionals with expertise in a wide variety of health specialty areas including public health, nursing, medicine, social work, nutrition, and family engagement.

The complete application package must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 to receive consideration. To learn more, [click here](#).

Massachusetts Looking for Director of Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention

The Epidemiologist directs the Massachusetts Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention including oversight of the Birth Defects Monitoring Program and Center research and evaluation activities. The Center conducts statewide active birth defects surveillance as mandated by state statute and regulation, monitors critical congenital heart defects to evaluate newborn screening for these birth defects, and participates in state and national etiologic and health outcomes/health services utilization research related to these conditions. To learn more, [click here](#).

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Guidelines for Women's Preventative Services

Deadline: *Jan. 4, 2016*

HRSA presents this opportunity to improve adult women's health across the lifespan by engaging a coalition of health professional organizations to recommend updates to the HRSA-supported Women's Preventative Services. The aims of this project are to establish a process for developing and regularly recommend updates to the guidelines for women's preventative services; obtain participation by health professional organizations on developing recommended guidelines for women's preventative services; review and synthesize existing guidelines for women's preventative services; and disseminate HRSA-supported comprehensive guidelines for use in clinical practice. To learn more, [click here](#).

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

Deadline: *Jan. 8, 2016*

The HRSA Network Planning program purpose is to assist in the development of an integrated healthcare network, if the network participants do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts. The Network Planning Program promotes the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. The program will support one year of planning with the primary goal of helping networks create a foundation for their infrastructure and focusing member efforts to address important regional and local community health needs. To learn more, [click here](#).

Advanced Nursing Education Grant Program

Deadline: *Jan. 15, 2016*

HRSA is now accepting applications for the Advanced Nursing Education Program to support the enhancement of advanced nursing education and practice. Funded projects will implement creative academic-practice partnerships within advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) primary care programs. Partnerships between academic institutions and rural and/or underserved primary care sites will promote APRN students'

readiness to practice upon graduation by improving training and competencies for both students and preceptors. Working collectively, these partnerships will facilitate the meaningful exchange of information to identify the needs of the community and the clinical workforce; use this information to enhance curriculum, preceptor recruitment, training and evaluation; and shape the experiential training of advanced practice nursing students to be better prepared upon graduation to provide care for rural and underserved populations. To learn more, [click here](#).

Advancing Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) Program

Deadline: *Feb. 15, 2016*

HRSA is accepting eligible applicants in education programs that provide registered nurses with nurse practitioner and nurse mid-wife education. Such programs may include schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, state or local governments, and other public or private nonprofit entities authorized by the Secretary to confer degrees to registered nurses for nurse practitioner nurse-midwife education. Federally recognized Indian Tribal Government and Native American Organizations are also eligible to apply. For more information, [click here](#).

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Integrated HIV Planning Implementation

Deadline: *Mar. 1, 2016*

HRSA is accepting applications for the RWHAP (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program). This is a cooperative agreement to provide technical assistance to RWHAP Parts A and B recipients and their planning bodies to support activities and strategies for integrating HIV planning across prevention, care, and treatment service delivery systems, and support activities related to the CDC and HRSA Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan submissions. The main objectives are to develop and review tools and processes for the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plans; develop strategies, tools, and trainings for RWHAP recipients and planning bodies to identify and support activities to integrate planning and prevention care across systems; to deliver technical assistance in a select number of jurisdictions to facilitate integrated planning ; to support peer learning opportunities across RWHAP recipients and planning bodies. For more information, [click here](#).

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Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program

Deadline: *Feb. 29, 2016*

HRSA is now accepting applications for the Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Program (EMSC). The program works to ensure that critically ill and injured children receive optimal pediatric emergency care. The target goal of the Targeted Issues Program is to support strategies to improve the quality of pediatric care delivered in emergency care settings across the continuum of emergency care through the implementation of pediatric emergency care research and innovative cross cutting projects. Targeted Issues programs translate research into practice and improve pediatric health outcomes related to emergency care, such as reduced severity of asthma and decreased hospitalization for trauma. To learn more, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity in Education Plan

Deadline: *Sept. 6, 2016*

NIH present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to National



AMCHP is seeking submissions of emerging, promising and best practices in MCH from all states and territories on child health. Do you have a program that fits?

Submit your best practice today! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information, contact [Ki'Yonna Jones](#) at (202) 266-3049 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices. You can also [click here](#) to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!

Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. To learn more, [click here](#).

Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality through HIT

Deadline: *Nov. 16, 2016*

The purpose of this grant is to fund exploratory and developmental research grants that will contribute to the evidence base of how health information technology (HIT) improves health care quality. This funding opportunity supports the use of a wide variety of research designs in order to generate information regarding the design and development, implementation, use, or impact of health IT on quality. For more information, [click here](#).

Reducing Health Disparities among Minority and Underserved Children

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).

Chronic Illness Self-Management in Children and Adolescents

Deadline: *Jan. 7, 2017*

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. For more information, [click here](#) (R01) or [here](#) (R21).

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Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood That Influence Obesity Development

Deadline: *Feb. 5, 2017*

This funding announcement invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. For more information, [click here](#).

Maternal Nutrition and Pre-pregnancy Obesity: Effects on Mothers, Infants and Children

Deadline: *May 7, 2018*

This announcement encourages applications to improve health outcomes for women, infants and children, by stimulating interdisciplinary research focused on maternal nutrition and pre-pregnancy obesity. Maternal health significantly impacts not only the mother but also the intrauterine environment, and subsequently fetal development and the health of the newborn. For more information, [click here](#).



CALENDAR

AMCHP Events

[2016 AMCHP Annual Conference](#)

Jan. 23-26, 2016
Washington, DC

MCH Events

[National Health Policy Conference](#)

Feb. 1-2, 2016
Washington, DC

[2016 Preparedness Summit](#)

Apr. 19-22, 2016
Dallas, TX

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[YTH Live](#) (the youth+tech+health conference)

Apr. 24-26, 2016
San Francisco, CA

[CSTE Annual Conference](#)

Jun. 19-23, 2016
Anchorage, AK

[NACCHO Annual Conference](#)

Jul. 19-21, 2016
Phoenix, AZ

[Public Health Informatics Conference](#)

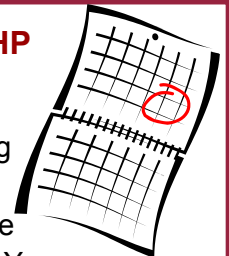
Aug. 21-24, 2016
Atlanta, GA

[CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference](#)

Sept. 14-16, 2016
Philadelphia, PA

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