Mississippi

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2014

The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, Title V of the Social Security Act, is the only federal program devoted to improving the health of all women, children, and families. Title V provides funding to state maternal and child health (MCH) programs, which serve 44 million women and children in the U.S. To learn more about Title V, visit www.amchp.org.

MCH Block Grant Funds to Mississippi

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Title V Administrative Agency:
Health Services, Mississippi State Department of Health

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Protecting and Improving the Health of Mississippi’s Families

Infant Mortality – As a result of Mississippi’s high infant mortality rate, Mississippi developed a State Infant Mortality Task Force comprised of the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), Medicaid, March of Dimes, University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), and American Academy of Pediatrics. This group was a participant in the Region 4 & 6 Infant Mortality, Preterm Birth, Prematurity Summit in New Orleans in January 2012 at which 13 southern states developed plans to reduce infant mortality. At a follow up meeting in July in Washington DC, HRSA MCHB, in partnership with AMCHP, ASTHO, the March of Dimes, CityMatCH and federal partners, including CDC and CMS, launched the Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (COIN) to facilitate collaborative learning and adoption of proven quality improvement principles and practices across the 13 southern states of Regions IV and VI. The COIN will demonstrate the impact of five key strategies on infant mortality: 1) eliminating elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestation, 2) prenatal smoking cessation, 3) safe sleep for infants, 4) Medicaid financed interconception care for women with a prior adverse pregnancy outcome and 5) strengthened regional perinatal care systems. Working across state lines, teams comprised of representatives from all 13 southern states have formed around each of the five strategies. Out of these efforts, Mississippi’s team developed six infant mortality work groups comprised of representatives from various organizations across the state to address infant mortality using related strategies custom tailored to fit the unique needs within Mississippi. An additional strategy Mississippi adopted includes the use of 17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17-P) to reduce the risk of preterm birth in women with a singleton pregnancy who have a history of singleton preterm births. Together, Mississippi and its regional partners are focusing on ways to ensure health equity, eliminate health disparities, and implement best programs, policies, and practices to reduce infant mortality.

Children’s Medical Program (CMP) — This program assists with access to specialty medical care and coordinated services for children and young adults, up to age 21, with special health care needs. Services are provided through CMP’s centrally located Blake Clinic, local public health departments, satellite specialty clinics, and community agencies. CMP is a payer of last resort. All program approved services not covered by the patient’s health coverage may be covered by the program. Some of the covered conditions include, but are not limited to, major orthopedic, neurological, cardiac, and chronic conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and sickle cell disease. The program provides access to community-based specialty care through satellite clinics throughout the state. Community-based specialty care is further provided in CMP’s multi-specialty clinic (Blake Clinic) and their Resource Library, where patients have access to an array of medical and social service related resource information. To further access to needed services, both Blake Clinic and CMP’s Resource Library are centrally located in Jackson in the Jackson Medical Mall. The Jackson Medical Mall is cited in the heart of a historically health compromised community, less than five miles from Mississippi’s only tertiary care center; the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC).

Toll-Free Telephone Line — (1-800-721-7222) The MCH program maintains a toll-free telephone line in cooperation with WIC. The line provides assistance to clients seeking information about MCH services, family planning, Medicaid, WIC, and other services. This

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valuable tool encourages early entry into prenatal care and links clients to resources in the public and private sectors.

**Preventive Health Services** — The local county health departments are a major provider of preventive health screenings for children (0 to 20 years of age) through the Medicaid Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program. MCH supported staff in county health departments provide approximately 40% of the immunizations in the state. The percent of children 19-35 months who were immunized during the 2008-2009 year was 81.1 according to the National Immunization Survey which exceeded the national average and resulted in Mississippi achieving the rank of number one in the country. The Mississippi State Department of Health gives about 40 percent of all childhood vaccinations in the state. The First Steps (Part C) Early Intervention System, Genetics (Newborn Screening), and the Children’s Medical Program are in the same Office. The organizational structure of these programs fosters service integration, early identification and referral, service coordination, and timely follow-ups for children with special needs.

**People Served by the Mississippi MCH Program***

Title V population-based preventive and systems building services benefit all women and children in the state. In addition, the MCH Block Grant provided direct services to the following individuals:

- 19,042 pregnant women
- 39,825 infants under one
- 21,673 children and adolescents
- 3,009 children with special health care needs
- 107,509 others
- 191,058 total served

*2012 State/Jurisdiction Annual Reports Submitted to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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**Health Needs in Mississippi**

- Adolescent alcohol and drug use
- Adult immunization
- Teen pregnancy and teen birth rate
- Sexually transmitted disease
- Violence (e.g. sexual assault, bullying)
- Nutrition and physical activity
- Low birthweight and preterm birth, preconception care

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**Grants to Mississippi***

**STATE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (SSDI)**

HEALTH, MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Jackson, MS
$77,860
(State Systems Development Initiative)

**Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Hattiesburg, MS
$95,700
(Family Professional Partnership/CSHCN)

*These grants were awarded in FY 2012. For a complete list of Title V Grantees: https://perfdata.hrsa.gov/mchb/TVISReports/Snapshot/SnapShotMenu.aspx