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MDHHS invites public comment on Title V Block Grant application

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services invites the public to comment on the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant application. The funding for Title V of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended, supports states in improving the health of mothers and children.

Per federal requirements, a five-year needs assessment was completed in 2015. A summary of the assessment is included in the application. Based on the assessment, Michigan has identified seven priority areas to improve the health of mothers and children for fiscal years (FY) 2016-2020:

- Reduce barriers, improve access, and increase the availability of health services for all populations.
- Support coordination and linkage across the perinatal to pediatric continuum of care.
- Invest in prevention and early intervention strategies, such as screening.
- Increase family and provider support and education for children with special health care needs.
- Increase access to and utilization of evidence-based oral health practices and services.
- Foster safer homes, schools, and environments with a focus on prevention.
- Promote social and emotional well-being through the provision of behavioral health services.

These priorities are linked to eight national performance measures and five state performance measures across six population domains: women/maternal health, perinatal/infant health, child health, adolescent health, children with special health care needs, and cross-cutting/life course.

Michigan's Title V application is for services from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, and also includes a report on activities and services provided in FY 2016.

The Title V draft application and annual report are [available online](#).

MDHHS welcomes comments on the application, which must be received by 5 p.m. on June 22, 2017, and can be submitted to daviss11@michigan.gov.

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