

Fiscal Year 2022 Recommendations

Improve Policies Regarding Systems of Care, Prevention Initiatives, Screening and Treatment Programs

- Raised awareness and an update in guidelines regarding the importance of thermal regulation and Skin-to-Skin contact of the infant as feasible during EMS transport. 01/24/2022
- Update EMS policies and procedures to transport MOB and baby together in one ambulance as feasible, and not delay transport to wait for a second ambulance. 01/24/2022
- Implement guidelines and policies on performing placental pathologies. 01/24/2022
- Additional investigation and/or examination on all infants who die unexpectedly. 05/23/2022
- Implementation of a standardized policy for all Forensic Pathologists on deciding when to perform autopsies. 05/23/2022
- Healthcare facilities to follow MDHHS guidelines on having written policies and procedures for prenatal testing of HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis. 05/23/2022
- Hospital systems to follow patient safety bundles for better treatment of hypertension in pregnancy. 05/23/2022
- Medicaid coverage of a Pack N Play for each infant. 06/27/2022

Improve care coordination and communication between providers

- Earlier and increased referrals to Palliative Care services for seriously ill patients with education and understanding that Palliative Care is not reserved for end-of-life care. 03/28/2022
- Forensic Pathologist to thoroughly review medical records during death investigations. 06/27/2022
- Clear understanding of the meaning of an in-home court ward. 08/22/2022
- OB consult for all pregnant women who present to the ED. 08/22/2022

Improve Access to Care

- Increased referrals to grief counseling during pregnancy or before the death of an infant with a lethal condition. 2/28/2022
- Better/Easier health insurance access to birth control. 06/27/2022
- More insurance coverage for prenatal genetic testing. 06/27/2022
- Increased awareness of network180's mobile unit for mental health crisis in the youth. 07/25/2022
- More emphasis on the Hear Her campaign. 08/22/2022

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Improve Trainings and Education

- Consistent messaging and education on marijuana use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding provided by child welfare workers during home visits. 2/28/2022
- Increased education for dispensaries and increased public awareness on the harms of marijuana use during pregnancy, while breastfeeding, and supervising children. 2/28/2022
- Increased education on infant safe sleep practices. 05/23/2022
- Ongoing education on infant assessment for EMS personnel. 07/25/2022

Improve Provider/Patient Communication

- Implementation of Private and Medicaid insurance coverage of home births as well as increased education on the risk factors associated with home birth. 01/24/2022
- Greater utilization of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal (AWHONN) "Respectful Care" toolkit. 03/28/2022
- Home visiting programs to have access to patient medical records. 06/27/2022

Improve Management of Preexisting Conditions

- Utilization of American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology's (ACOG's) algorithms for treating pregnant women with hypertension. 03/28/2022
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- All birthing centers to adopt an evidence-based algorithm for fetal heart tone management such as the Obstetrics Initiative Algorithm for the Management of Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Tracings <https://tinyurl.com/5n7mv38s> 04/25/2022
- Increased education on pregnancy health for childbearing-aged women with diabetes. 05/23/2022
- Increased preconception counseling on the implications of diabetes in pregnancy via multiple disciplines such as OB providers, Primary Care Physicians, and/or Endocrinologists, etc. 05/23/2022

Address Safety Issues/Conditions

- WIC to thoroughly discuss with each client where the infant is sleeping and what sleeping environments look like. 06/27/2022

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Address Social Determinants and/or Health Equity

- Promotion of team debriefing for first responders after responding to a call, with a focus on identifying preconceived notions that may have contributed to health inequity. 07/25/2022

Other: Improve Documentation policies

- Formation of a neonatal code sheet to use during infant codes. 01/24/2022