

Rationale for Reengineering MSS/ISS

In the ongoing effort to improve the health status of pregnant women, infants, children and their families, the Michigan Department of Community Health (Medical Services Administration and Bureau of Family, Maternal and Child Health) has initiated an effort to re-engineer the Maternal Support Services and Infant Support Services (MSS/ISS) programs. The department is taking this action for several reasons: MSS/ISS study results, the stagnant state infant mortality rate, insistence on outcome-based programming, a general impetus to use evidence-based interventions, expanding research and evaluation literature on maternal and infant health, and rapid growth of technological innovations in health care.

Maternal Infant Health Program Goals

Immediate Program Goal: To improve the health and well being of Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and infants through a standardized, system-wide process to:

- Screen all Medicaid-eligible pregnant women for key risk factors
- Assign risk stratification
- Engage all Medicaid-eligible pregnant women to participate
- Deliver targeted interventions
- Measure specified outcomes

Long-Term Program Goal: To reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.