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### **MDHHS invites public comment on Title V Block Grant application**

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) invites the public to comment on the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant application. Title V of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended, provides funding to states to improve the health of mothers, infants and children, including children with special health care needs.

Per federal requirements, a five-year needs assessment was completed in 2015 and a summary is included in the application. Based on the needs assessment, the seven priorities for the State of Michigan for fiscal years (FY) 2016-2020 are aimed at improving the health of the MCH population:

- 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.
- 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 seven national performance measures and four state performance measures across five federally-identified population domains: women/maternal health, perinatal/infant health, child health, adolescent health and children with special health care needs.

Michigan's Title V application is for services from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020, and also includes a report on activities and services provided in FY 2018.

The Title V draft application and annual report are [available online](#). MDHHS welcomes comments on the application by 5 p.m. on June 5, 2018. **Comments can be submitted to [daviss11@michigan.gov](mailto:daviss11@michigan.gov).**

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