

COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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CLINICAL UPDATES

[SARS-CoV-2 Could Be at Root of Mysterious Hepatitis in Kids](#) - *Medscape* (5/20)

[COVID-19 Vaccines, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, and Treatment for Non-Hospitalized Patients](#) - *ME DHHS* (5/24)

CDC UPDATES

[Timeline for Pfizer/Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Under 5 Years Old](#) - *MECDC* (5/26)

[COVID-19 Rebound After Paxlovid Treatment](#) - *ME HAN Public Health Alert* (5/26)

INTERESTING READS

[Delta and Omicron killed far more children than flu ever does](#) - *Inside Medicine* (5/30)

New data show that Covid-19 is far worse for children than seasonal influenza, as long suspected.

[People who rebound with COVID-19 after Paxlovid may be highly contagious, new studies suggest](#) - *Boston Globe* (5/24)

Federal health regulators on Tuesday issued a warning that COVID-19 patients who have taken the antiviral treatment Paxlovid may experience a rebound and test positive again two to eight days after initial recovery. The warning comes more than a month after [droves of patients](#) began swapping accounts on social media of COVID rebounds after taking Paxlovid.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

ACU Presents Health Center Partnerships For Pathway Development

Thursday, June 2 | 3:00 PM | [Register](#)

Part of being a manager is developing and coaching your team members. To be effective in your role proper communication is critical. Providing feedback is the process of communicating a reaction to your employees performance or behavior. During this webinar, people expert, April Lewis, will provide strategies for managers to give positive and productive feedback to their team members.

NACHC presents We Can Do This: HHS Vaccine Resources for Community Health Workers

Wednesday, June 1 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | [Register](#)

NACHC will be co-hosting a training with HHS to highlight vaccine information and resources available to CHWs and other trusted members of the health center care team through HHS's We Can Do This Campaign. We Can Do This is a national public education campaign to increase public confidence in, and uptake of, COVID-19 vaccines while reinforcing basic prevention measures such as mask wearing and social distancing. The campaign provides fact-based messaging to help the public make informed decisions about their health and COVID-19.

For resources and information, please visit the [Workforce](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).



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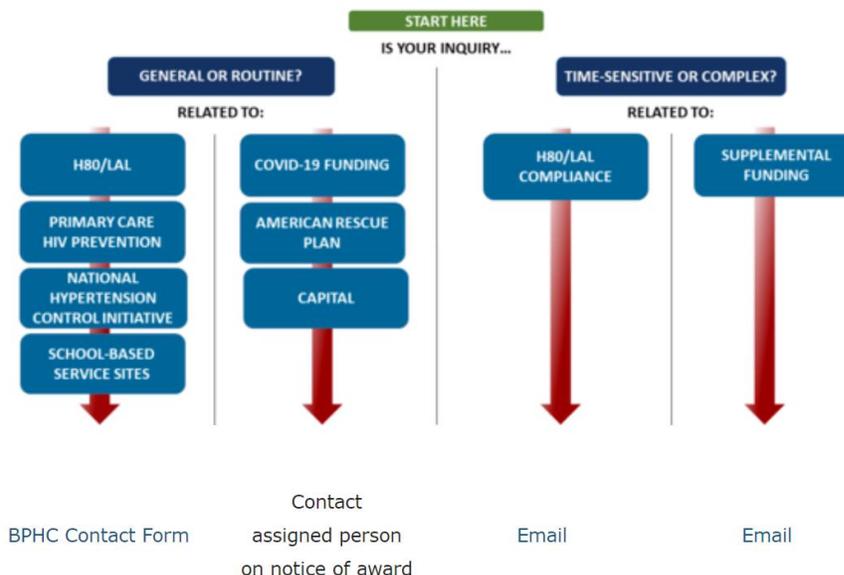
POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

BPHC Creates New Email Addresses for Submitting Time-sensitive or Complex Questions

In recent communications, BPHC has acknowledged that as a result of its recent reorganization, CHCs may be unsure of whom to contact at BPHC to get their questions answered, since they no longer have a single Project Officer. While BPHC continues to recommend using the BPHC Contact Form for general or routine inquiries, they recognize that this form is not always appropriate for “time-sensitive or complex” inquiries. Therefore, they have created two new email addresses for these types of questions:

- **H80/LAL compliance:** BPHCOHCPMHCESupport@hrsa.gov
- **Supplemental funding:** SupplementalFundingOHClO@hrsa.gov

BPHC also shared the following slide, which indicates how to direct questions and inquiries depending on the topic and the urgency:



CMS Clarifies In-Person Requirement for Medicare Virtual Mental Health Visits

Earlier this week, CMS updated the FQHC Medicare website to reflect Section 304 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2022, which delayed in-person requirements under Medicare for mental health services furnished through telehealth under the Physician Fee Schedule. It also delays the requirement for mental health visits furnished by FQHCs via telecommunications technology. For FQHCs, in-person visits **will not** be required until the 152nd day after the end of the PHE for COVID-19.

Surprise Billing Webinar Resources

ICYMI: NACHC’s surprise billing webinar recording, slides and Good Faith Estimate templates can be found on its [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse](#).

Trump-era Rules to Rescind all Health-related Regulations is Officially Rescinded

Last week, HHS officially withdrew a Trump-era final rule that would have automatically scrapped health agency regulations if they weren’t assessed every 10 years. Called the “Securing Updated and Necessary Statutory Evaluations Timely” (SUNSET) rule, this regulation was universally disliked by industry and consumer groups (including CHCs), and a lawsuit against the rule said it could have eliminated thousands of regulations for public health, food and health systems.

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BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

COVID-19: New Administration Code for Pfizer Pediatric Vaccine Booster Dose

On May 17, 2022, the FDA amended the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine emergency use authorization \(PDF\)](#) to authorize the use of a single booster pediatric dose (orange cap) for all patients 5–11 years old. [Covid pediatric dose vaccine admin codes 6 months to 5 years.](#)

CMS issued a new code, effective May 17, 2022, for the vaccine administration:

Code: 0074A

- Long descriptor: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA/LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation
- Short descriptor: ADM SARSCV2 10MCG TRS-SUCR B

For updates from insurers and other relevant information, please visit the [Telehealth Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

Weitzman ECHO Advanced Primary Care presents New Substance Use Disorder Module

Starting Thursday, June 2 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | [Register](#)

A new Substance Use Disorder module of **Weitzman ECHO Advanced Primary Care** begins Thursday, June 2, and will meet regularly on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month for eight sessions. The sessions will offer valuable clinical pearls through brief didactic presentations from expert clinical faculty. Don't miss this opportunity to **share your challenging patient cases**, hear your peers' cases, and learn from multidisciplinary experts in a small group setting.

For resources and information, please visit the [Health Equity/Social Determinants Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

Extended Deadline - MaineCare Rate Studies

MaineCare is conducting rate studies to revise reimbursement rates for Sections 13, 17, 28, 65, and 92 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual. Due to a low response rate, they have extended the deadline to COB Thursday, June 2. To provide your input, you can download and complete the cost survey available at the [Burns & Associates website](#) and send your completed survey to Burns. If you have trouble accessing the survey or have questions about the survey, please contact Karl Matzinger with Burns & Associates at kmatzinger@healthmanagement.com.

Moving Maine Network presents the Virtual Maine Mobility Summit

Tuesday, June 7 and Tuesday, June 14 | 12:30-4:00 PM | [Registration](#)

Join the Moving Maine Network for two half-days of learning, networking, and action-planning featuring presentations and Q&A sessions with the [National Center for Mobility Management](#), the [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center](#), the [Shared Use Mobility Center](#), and Steve Workman from Transport New Hampshire. The summit is open to EVERYONE who cares about better transportation access for Mainers with barriers

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ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

For resources and information, please visit the [Oral Health Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

CHCNET NEWS

For the latest information concerning the MPCA’s HCCN, **Community Health Center Network of Maine (CHCNet)**, or for support with health information technology needs, please visit the [CHCNet Member Portal](#) or contact Michael Pancook: mpancook@mepca.org.

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

[AFTER HOURS](#) - MPCA Office Hours resources

For the **Stay Informed, Sign Up, Maine Helps**, and **Coping and Stress Resources** information, please visit the [Compendium Resources Addendum](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).



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Join MPCA on Slack! We are building our communication outreach capacity between meetings using the Slack communication platform. Many of you are already connected with us in several peer groups including our **Clinical Channel** and our **Billing & Coding Channel**. Please feel free to reach out to it@mepca.org for help with joining.