

COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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JUNE IS: LGBTQIA PRIDE MONTH



[It's Pride Month. Here's what you need to know](#) – CNN (6/1)

[LGBTQ+ Communities And Mental Health](#) – Mental Health America

[Marginalized LGBTQ Identities and the Minority Stress Theory](#) – Community Psychology

CoE-IHS Office Hour: Providing Affirming and Supportive Care to Transgender Individuals in Integrated Care Settings

Monday, Jun 27 | 3:00 PM | [Register](#)

CLINICAL UPDATES

[Bristol Myers, J&J Drugs Reduce COVID Death Rates in NIH Study](#) – Medscape (6/3)

[The Latest on COVID-19 and the Heart in Children](#) - Medscape (5/31)

INTERESTING READS

[FACT SHEET: Biden Administration Announces Operational Plan for COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children Under 5](#) – [whitehouse.gov](#) (6/9) -

“Vaccinations will be available at pediatricians’ and other doctors’ offices, **community health centers**, rural health clinics, children’s hospitals, public health clinics, local pharmacies, and other community-based organizations.”

[Governor Mills Signs Executive Order Establishing Cabinet on Aging](#) – [maine.gov](#) (6/13)

Executive Order Directs State Agencies to Work Together to Ensure older Maine People Age in Healthy, Safe Communities With Dignity and Support.

[New versions of omicron variant gaining ground in US](#) – [The Hill](#) (6/8)

New estimates from the CDC show that for the week ending June 4, the two subvariants combined accounted for 13 percent of all new U.S. cases. That’s an increase from the combined 7.5 percent estimated for the week ending May 28.

[‘We can’t go back’: Maine health care leaders talk of pandemic’s tough lessons, silver linings](#) – [Mainebiz](#) (6/10)

From worker shortages to worker burnout, panelists addressed challenges they face as both employers and health care providers, along with some of the weaknesses in the health care system brought to light during the pandemic.

National Health Center Week set for August 7–13: Sponsorship Request Deadline Approaching

The weekly theme for this year will again be “CHCs: The Chemistry for Strong Communities.” Theme days include Public Health in Housing, Healthcare for the Homeless, Agricultural Worker Health, Children’s Health, and Appreciation Days for Patients, Stakeholders and Staff. **New this year:** NACHC will be awarding up to two \$500 sponsorships for CHCs in each state to help defray the costs of an event. To be eligible for the sponsorship, CHCs will need to [post their event to the Health Center Week website](#) **by June 30**, invite federal and/or state legislators, and use social media to promote the event. If you don’t have all the event details ironed out yet, that’s ok; all you need to do at this point is provide a general description of the event **with plans for legislator invites and social media promotion**. If you need assistance posting your events, please contact Andrea Watkins (awatkins@mepca.org).

Is Your Health Center Hiring? Click [here](#) to utilize the MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!

POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

House Begins FY23 Appropriations Process

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) **recently released the Markup Calendar for consideration of FY23 Appropriations.** The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Subcommittee will hold its markup on June 23, 2022, with the full Appropriations Committee markup scheduled for June 30, 2022. Chairwoman DeLauro hopes to pass a bipartisan FY23 Appropriations bill on the House floor by July 2022.

The FTC launches an inquiry into PBMs

Last week, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced that it [will launch an inquiry into PBMs' business practices](#). The FTC had voted on a similar initiative in February, but it failed due to a tie vote. However, an additional Commissioner was recently seated, avoiding the possibility of another tie. While the FTC's announcement did not explicitly mention the impact of PBMs on 340B, it is expected that the inquiry will examine these issues -- particularly given the large number of PCAs and CHCs who submitted comments in response to the FTC's Request for Information.

House Floor Special Order on 340B

On Tuesday, June 7, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and Rep. John Rose (D-TN) led a bipartisan special order on the importance of the 340B program. Several Members highlighted Community Health Centers and their patients by speaking in defense of protecting access to 340B drugs and savings. Thank you to all the PCAs and health centers who encouraged participation and supported their Representatives in this effort.

ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

[Staffing shortages remain, reports ADA poll](#) – *DrBicuspid (6/10)*

[COVID-Associated Avascular Necrosis of the Maxilla](#) – *PracticeUpdate (6/9)*

[Hypertension and tooth loss: Which one is the cause?](#) – *DrBicuspid (6/8)*

[Is dental care prior to advanced heart surgeries safe?](#) – *DrBicuspid (6/7)*

[ADA supports student loan bill](#) – *DrBicuspid (6/9)*

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

CDC UPDATES

[CDC Rescinds Order Requiring Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Prior to Flight to the US](#) – (6/10)

[Travel Requirements Updates](#) – (6/13)

[COVID-19 Vaccines for People Vaccinated Outside the United States](#) – (6/7)

CHCNET NEWS

Maine's Health Information Exchange (HIE) Broadens Access to National Health Records

As part of the first phase of its integration with the national eHealth Exchange network, HealthInfoNet is able to both respond to and return queries for health record requests for patients receiving care from Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, and United States Coast Guard providers. The HIE's Clinical Portal electronic health record system allows users with a role of 'Clinician' or 'Clinician Administrative' to easily retrieve their patients' health records sourced from these eHealth Exchange participants. To learn more, visit [HIN's eHealth Exchange Overview](#) or contact their Clinical Education team at clinicaleducation@hinfonet.org.

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.

What's happening? Click [here](#) for a full listing of upcoming MPCA trainings and events.

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

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

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

WORKFORCE UPDATE

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

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

[AFTER HOURS](#) - MPCA Office Hours resources (**OFFICE HOURS IS ON HIATUS UNTIL LABOR DAY**)

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.