

MPCA WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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CELEBRATING JUNTEENTH – JUN 19, 2021



[Juneteenth – the History of a New Holiday](#) – *New York Times* (6/8)

[Celebrating Juneteenth: Healthcare Equity And Racial Justice](#) – *Fenway Health*

[Juneteenth and Defining Justice w/Bobby Keith, PA-C, MPA Lovejoy Health Center](#) – *Northern Light Health*

INTERESTING READS

[Shots for tots: COVID vaccinations start for little US kids](#) – *AP News* (6/20)

The Food and Drug Administration greenlighted the Moderna and Pfizer kid shots on Friday and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended them Saturday

[COVID Is More Dangerous Than Flu for Kids, Study Finds](#) – *HealthDay.com* (6/17)

COVID-19 poses far more danger to kids than seasonal flu, a new study confirms

[Hawaii and Maine have scored highest on health care during pandemic](#) – *Bangor Daily News* (6/26)

The health systems in Hawaii and Maine have performed best of all the states during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to new rankings that weighed such factors as vaccination rates, capacity in hospital and intensive care units, and death rates.

[CDC issues new guidance on monkeypox symptoms as U.S. cases balloon](#) – *nbcnews.com* (6/15)

The U.S. has reported 72 cases of monkeypox across 18 states in the last month, making it the country's largest monkeypox outbreak ever.

[Abbott halts production at troubled Michigan plant after severe weather](#) – *abcnews.com* (6/16)

Less than two weeks after restarting production at its Sturgis plant, Abbott said it has once again been forced to halt baby formula production after thunderstorms flooded part of the facility.

[Covid is making flu and other common viruses act in unfamiliar ways](#) – *Washington Post* (6/13)

More than two years into the coronavirus pandemic, familiar viruses are acting in unfamiliar ways. Respiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV, typically limits its suffocating assaults to the winter months.

[Governor Mills Announces Extension of MaineCare Health Coverage for New Mothers](#) – *maine.gov* (6/16)

“The need for pregnancy-related health care doesn’t end sixty days after a woman gives birth,” said Governor Janet Mills. “This move will ensure that women have access to postpartum care for a full year, which will improve their health and that of the children – setting them both up to succeed in the future. This is another example of how my Administration is committed to supporting women’s reproductive health in Maine.”

Reminder: National Health Center Week set for August 7–13: Sponsorship Request Deadline June 30

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

NACHC Releases Report on Importance of 340B to CHCs

Last week, NACHC held a media event to announce the release its report summarizing the findings from its recent 340B survey and outlining key policy asks. The report found that 56% of respondents had an in-house pharmacy, and 86% utilize contact pharmacies; it also highlighted 340B's positive impact on clinical outcomes and access to care. The full report, executive Summary, and infographics are all [available here](#).

President Biden Issues Executive Order Blocking Federal Funding for LGBT Conversion Therapy and Curbing Discrimination Against Transgender Youth

On June 15, President Biden signed an [executive order](#) aimed at curbing discrimination against transgender youth and drying up federal funding for the discredited practice of “conversion therapy”. The executive order asks the federal health and education departments to expand access to gender-affirming medical care and find new ways to counter a flurry of bills passed in US states by conservative lawmakers this year that ban these treatments for transgender youth. The order asks federal agencies to ensure that federally funded programs do not offer conversion therapy, which tries to force LGBTQ+ youth to change their sexual orientation, and the Federal Trade Commission to consider policing such practices that seek to change a patient's sexual orientation or gender identity as deceptive businesses.

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

[CORRECTION: COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Under the American Rescue Plan, CR 109388 – PLEASE HOLD ON SUBMITTING CODES](#) – Maine DHHS (6/16)

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

ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

[ADA poll: Dental practice recovery confidence drops](#) – DrBicuspid (6/14)

[COVID-19 survivors may be at risk of jaw osteonecrosis](#) – DrBicuspid (6/17)

[3 ways dental education must change to achieve health equity](#) – DrBicuspid (6/16)

[Why the war in Ukraine might make root canals more difficult](#) – DrBicuspid (6/16)

[Amalgam fillings may expose patients to high levels of mercury](#) - DrBicuspid (6/16)

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

CDC UPDATES

[New Information Regarding Monkeypox](#) – USCDC and MECDC updated information (6/21)

WORKFORCE UPDATE

Loan Repayment Opportunity

HRSA has opened their **STAR (Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery) Loan Repayment Program** for applications. This program provides loan repayment to medical, nursing, behavioral/mental health clinicians and paraprofessionals who provide direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder. **Applications are due July 7th**. [Click here](#) for a list of Q&A sessions and more details.

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

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

HRSA presents Phase 1 Webinar - Building Bridges to Better Health: A Primary Health Care Challenge
 Wednesday, June 29 | 3:00 PM | [Register](#)

Building Bridges to Better Health: A Primary Health Care Challenge - Multi-phase challenge seeking innovative TA solutions to enhance access to primary care and other services at HRSA-supported health centers that improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. For more information, [click here](#).

CLINICAL UPDATES

[From Positive to Negative to Positive Again—The Mystery of Why COVID-19 Rebounds in Some Patients Who Take Paxlovid](#) – JAMA Network (6/8)

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.

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](#).

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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