

MPCA WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extended for at least Another 90 Days

On Friday, July 15, 2022, the Biden Administration [extended the PHE determination for at least another 90 days](#). There is already talk that it may be extended yet again to get us through the fall and winter months but that is uncertain at this point. We will continue to monitor and keep you posted. In the meantime, the Administration has “promised” to let the public know 60 days out from the end of the determination. That means if the PHE were to end in 90 days we should know around Aug. 15.

988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline Launches; Toolkit Includes Educational Materials

Last Saturday marked the transition to [988](#)—the new, national number to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. SAMHSA’s [988 Partner Toolkit](#) includes Frequently Asked Questions and educational materials, such as downloadable wallet cards, magnets, posters, key messages, fact sheets (English and Spanish), and radio PSA scripts (English and Spanish.)

FY23 Appropriations Update: House Moving Forward, Senate Outlook is Uncertain

The FY23 appropriations process is moving forward in the House, where the Appropriations Committee passed each of its 12 FY2023 appropriations bills last month, and Committee Chairwoman hopes to get all 12 bills through the House floor by the end of the month. The FY23 Labor-HHS bill is expected to go to the House floor during the final week of July. On the Senate side, the outlook is much murkier. Negotiations between Democrats and Republicans over top-line numbers stalled last month, and no committee mark-up schedule has been announced yet. Republicans may be unwilling to even participate in mark-ups at this point, so Chairman Leahy (D-VT) may skip markups entirely, and simply post the committee’s versions of 12 spending bills at the end of July.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

National Council for Mental Wellbeing presents Virtual Middle Management Academy (MMA)

Expand your skill set as a frontline leader at the National Council’s virtual [Middle Management Academy](#) (MMA) and expand and connect to the bigger vision of your organization! MMA has already empowered hundreds of leaders to communicate more effectively, improve productivity by motivating staff and help rising leaders maximize their potential through next-level learning.

Our upcoming MMA training runs for four weeks starting August 3, 2022, at 12 p.m. ET and consists of a live five-hour session every week with a focus on substance use treatment and prevention providers. The training includes assignments, individual and group work and community-building activities between sessions. [Register here](#).

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

ORAL HEALTH UPDATES

[Positivity Rates of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in the Orthodontic Patient Population – Practice Update \(7/12\)](#)

[Dentists are detecting developmental disorders in children – DrBicuspid \(7/13\)](#)

[ADA antibiotic guidelines are still shifting dental practices – DrBicuspid \(7/15\)](#)

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

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

CDC UPDATES

[Temporary Updates to the Notifiable Diseases and Conditions List: Monkeypox Now a Reportable Condition in Maine - MeCDC](#)

[U.S. CDC: Recent Reports of Human Parechovirus \(PeV\) in the United States - MeCDC](#)

[Know Your COVID-19 Community Level - USCDC](#)

[Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines - USCDC](#)

[Quarantine and Isolation Calculator - USCDC](#)

INTERESTING READS

[Pandemic fueled surge in superbug infections and deaths, CDC says – Washington Post \(7/12\)](#)

The coronavirus pandemic caused a surge in superbug infections and deaths in U.S. hospitals, reversing years of progress fighting one of the [gravest public health challenges](#) in modern medicine, according to a [2022 Special Report](#) released Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[Local 'Breakfast Club' nourishes rural health care – The ADA News \(7/9\)](#)

Back in 1985, the coming-of-age film “The Breakfast Club” captivated a generation of teen-age imaginations. The wildly successful movie ultimately transcended its time to become a touchstone for the universal tribulations of youth, and as a result has remained popular and relevant to this day.

[Maine health priorities include mental health, substance use and access to care, new survey finds – Spectrum News \(7/13\)](#)

The Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment, which is published every three years, is a joint effort involving the state’s largest health care providers and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

[Experts Rue Simple Steps Not Taken Before Latest COVID Surge – Medscape Pediatrics \(7/14\)](#)

With new omicron variants again driving COVID-19 hospital admissions and deaths higher in recent weeks, states and cities are rethinking their responses and the White House is stepping up efforts to alert the public

[Monkeypox: What's a Pediatrician To Do? – Medscape Pediatrics \(7/13\)](#)

While most pediatricians in the United States have never seen a case of monkeypox, the virus is not new. An orthopox, it belongs to the same genus that includes smallpox and cowpox viruses. It was discovered in 1958 when two colonies of monkeys kept for research developed pox-like rashes.

CLINICAL UPDATES

[COVID-19 Vaccination During Pregnancy Protects the Infant and Is Safe for the Mother – NEJM \(7/8\)](#)

[Interferon treatment may reduce severity of COVID-19 in people with certain genetic factors – NIH \(7/14\)](#)

[Percentage of overdose deaths involving methadone declined between January 2019 and August 2021 – NIH \(7/13\)](#)

[FDA Grants Emergency Authorization for Novavax COVID Vaccine – Medscape Pediatrics \(7/13\)](#)

Call for National Health Center Week (NHCW) Events

This year’s [National Health Center Week](#) is August 7–13, continuing on with last year’s theme of “Community Health Centers: The Chemistry for Strong Communities.” We want to promote and attend your events as much as possible! Please send your events schedule to [Andrea Watkins](#) or [Bryan Wyatt](#) ASAP so that we can post your events to the NHCW website and make plans for ways we can support your health center during your special week!

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

Statewide Report, Health Equity Sheets, City Profiles, and Other Data Available through Maine Shared CHNA

The Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Statewide report is now available on the [Maine Shared CHNA Final Reports](#) web page. For more information reach out to Jo Morrissey, MPH, Maine Shared CHNA Program Manager - info@mainechna.org

Other Helpful Links:

For district and city health profiles: [Maine Shared CHNA Health Profiles](#)

For county final reports: [Maine Shared CHNA Final Reports](#) | [Maine Integrated Youth Health 2019 Fact Sheets](#)

RHRC: County-Level Availability of Obstetric Care and Economic Implications of Hospital Closures on Obstetric Care

This [policy brief](#) provides descriptive data on the economic changes underway in counties that lost obstetric care facilities between 2012 and 2019.

Key Findings

- The majority of rural counties in the United States do not have an obstetric care provider within their borders.
- Counties without obstetric care facilities have higher rates of poverty and lower rates of health insurance coverage across all ages.

CMS Framework for Health Equity

The CMS Office of Minority Health released the [CMS Framework for Health Equity](#) to address health disparities as a foundational element across all our work -- in every program and across every community. Using five priority areas, CMS will use this framework to design, implement, and operationalize policies and programs to support health for all people served by our programs, eliminating avoidable differences in health outcomes experienced by people who are disadvantaged or underserved, and providing the care and support that our enrollees need to thrive.

University of Maine Center on Aging presents A Geriatrics Thought Leaders Conversation

Tuesday, July 26 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM | [Join the Conversation](#)

Clinical Perspectives on the Predictors of Progression from Mild Cognitive Impairment to Dementia. There is no fee for this webinar. For more information, [click here](#).

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

NYSARH and NERHA presents Syphilis - Not just an Urban Legend

Thursday, July 21 | 1:00 PM | [Register](#)

Participation in this event is free. CHES credits are available for free after the event. CME and NYS Social Work CE credits are available for purchase after the event (\$20.00 fee)*.

MPCA Annual Conference: October 5-6, 2022 Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

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

PSO CORNER

For resources and information, please visit the [MePCA PSO](#) 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 Pancock: mpancook@mepca.org.



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