

# MPCA WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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**National Health Center Week 2022 is August 7 – August 13**

Eastport Health Care is ready for National Health Center Week. Are you? Click [here](#) to see their NHCW promotional TikTok video.

We want to promote and attend your events as much as possible! **LAST CALL** to send your events schedule to [Andrea Watkins](#) or [Bryan Wyatt](#).

## AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH



[Fewer Maine students opted out of vaccines last school year after lawmakers eliminated exemptions](#) – *Maine Public (7/25)*

[National Immunization Awareness Month 2022 Bilingual Social Media Toolkit](#) – *USFDA.gov*

[Get Back on Track with Routine Vaccines](#) – *CDC.gov*

[Remind your patients to get their appropriate vaccines](#) – *American Association for Respiratory Care*

## ORAL HEALTH UPDATES

[50% of patients say dentists don't screen for health risks](#) – *DrBicuspid (7/26)*

[How to address 2 common dental issues in older patients](#) – *DrBicuspid (7/26)*

[NIH scientists discover stomach viruses can be transmitted via saliva](#) – *DrBicuspid (7/28)*

[Most guidelines support antibiotics to prevent endocarditis](#) – *DrBicuspid (7/28)*

[The Accuracy of Teledentistry in Caries Detection in Children](#) – *PracticeUpdate (7/25)*

### **Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborative on Integrating Diabetes and Oral Health (IDOH)**

NNOHA is recruiting interested health centers to participate in the third cohort of a Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborative on Integrating Diabetes and Oral Health (IDOH) funded through NNOHA's National Training and Technical Assistance Partnership with the HRSA.

The Learning Collaborative will take place from September 2022 to June 2023. The IDOH Learning Collaborative will implement [NNOHA's User's Guide for Implementation of Interprofessional Oral Health Core Clinical Competencies](#) outcomes for health center patients. [Online applications](#) are due by 11:59 p.m. PT on August 19, 2022. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

## CDC UPDATES

[Clinical Microbiology Notification of Laboratory Move](#) – *Maine Health Alert Network*

[COVID-19 Treatment Updates: Training Videos for Prescribers, Interim Clinical Considerations, Prescribing Paxlovid, and Using Bebtelovimab](#) – *Maine Health Alert Network*

[Monkeypox Updates: Testing at Commercial Laboratories, Vaccination](#) – *Maine Health Alert Network*

[Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination](#) – *USCDC (7/28)*

## CLINICAL UPDATES

[New insights into HIV latent cells yield potential cure targets](#) – *NIH (7/27)*

**MPCA Annual Conference: October 5-6, 2022 Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME - [Register HERE](#)**

## POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

### **FY23 Appropriations Bills Released in the Senate**

Late last week, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) released the \$1.7 trillion Chairman's mark of all twelve FY23 senate appropriations bills. The overall package would provide \$653 billion in non-defense discretionary spending, up 10.1 percent from FY22. It would also provide \$850 billion in defense discretionary spending, which is 8.7 percent higher than FY22.

Chairman Leahy decided to forego the committee process before moving ahead with the bills. Without any buy-in from Republicans, the FY23 appropriations bills will not become law as written. These bills will, however, serve as a starting point in negotiating a compromise spending level in the future.

### **Highlights of Senate Labor-HHS appropriation bill, as introduced:**

- **Section 330 funding:**
  - **Total Funding:** Provides \$1.92 billion, a \$170 million increase above FY22. The report states that *"The Committee continues to support the ongoing effort to increase the number of people who have access to medical services at health centers."*
  - **Children's Mental Health:** The report states that *"The Committee continues to urge HRSA to provide funding to Health Centers to support vital mental health services for children."* but does not provide a specific dollar amount to be spent for this purpose.
  - **Ending the HIV Epidemic:** Provides \$172 million – \$50 million above FY22 – to result in approximately 400 health centers participating across the country.
  - **Contraceptive Care:** Provides \$50 million for grants for training and quality improvement efforts to make "patient-centered contraceptive care" available within health centers.
- **Workforce programs:**
  - **National Health Service Corps:** \$135.6 total funding, \$14 million above FY2022. The increase includes \$10 million to expand SUD treatment in rural and underserved areas. The report instructs HRSA/ BHW to increase the number of NHSC providers in rural areas, and to prioritize placing providers in areas with a high percentage of active physicians who are nearing retirement.
  - **Nurse Corps:** \$95.6 million total funding, \$7 million above FY22.
- **Mental health:** \$13.9 billion for mental health programs, including \$385 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers, \$222 million for Project AWARE and \$697 million for the new 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention hotline.
- **Syringe exchange programs:** The bill would eliminate a long-standing ban on using federal funds for syringe exchange programs.
- **Title X funding:** The draft would also increase funding for the Title X family planning program and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

Here is the [official summary](#) of the FY23 Labor-HHS-Education Bill.

### **Senate Democrats Strike A Deal on Climate, Health, and Tax Bill**

On Thursday July 28, after months of start-and-stop negotiations, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Joe Manchin ironed out the details of a narrowly defined tax, health, and climate package. The \$740 billion [new reconciliation package](#) titled the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#) does the following:

- Invests \$369 billion in domestic energy production to address climate change and reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2030.

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- Allows Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical manufacturers to lower prescription drug costs on certain drugs.
- Extends Affordable Care Act (ACA) health care subsidies for three years.
- Raises the corporate minimum tax rate to 15% for corporations and ultra-wealthy Americans.
- Includes language to close tax loopholes and enforce the IRS tax code.

### **Bipartisan Legislation in the House Continues Telehealth Services**

This week, the House passed the [H.R. 4040, Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021](#), which is sponsored by Reps. Liz Cheney (R-WY) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI). The bill would continue Medicare telehealth provisions for two years after the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expires. This bill would temporarily help health centers by allowing them to receive payment for telehealth medical and behavioral health services. Seniors, residents in rural areas, and communities with limited broadband access will benefit from the legislation. They will be able to continue to receive telehealth services, including audio-only visits. However, the Senate will not review this bill before their August recess.

### **Senate Appropriations Committee Announces \$21 billion for Emergency COVID Supplemental Funding**

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Chair Patty Murray (D-WA), and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Chairman Christopher Coons (D-DE) introduced a \$21 billion emergency [COVID supplemental funding bill](#) to provide the necessary resources to prepare for the [next phase](#) of the COVID-19 pandemic and to address other emerging diseases that pose a significant threat to public health.

### **CMS Releases Maternity Care Action Plan**

Last week, CMS [announced a Maternity Care Action Plan](#) to address the Biden Administration's [Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis](#) that was released last month. CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure called upon health care stakeholders to make their own commitments to improve maternal health outcomes.

### **Be Part of NACHC's New 340B Blog Series**

In an effort to advocate for the 340B program *and* highlight Community Health Centers, NACHC has started a 340B blog series. NACHC is interviewing health centers on how they are using 340B savings to improve access and patient care. These blogs will be a great advocacy tool and will serve to elevate the health center and its 340B program. Health centers that would like to be interviewed should reach out to Elizabeth Linderbaum at [elinderbaum@nachc.org](mailto:elinderbaum@nachc.org).

## **INTERESTING READ**

[Biden admin plans to roll out updated Covid booster shots in September](#) – NBC News (7/29)

### **PCMH Health Center Coaching Pilot**

NCQA is launching the free Health Center Coaching Pilot Program in collaboration with HRSA, to support relationships between NCQA PCMH CCEs and eligible health centers

You are invited to participate and work with a PCMH CCE. Program requirements and next steps:

1. Secure an approved Notice of Intent (NOI) from HRSA.
2. Select an eligible CCE from [this list](#).
3. Attest that key pilot milestones have been completed with the support of the CCE, all of which must be completed on or before October 20.
4. The final step is to schedule your first Virtual Review by November 30. Your coach will support you in this final step of the pilot.

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## WORKFORCE UPDATE

### **HRSA Launches Two Programs to Expand and Strengthen the Nursing Health Workforce**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) launched two funding opportunities to increase the nursing workforce and improve nursing education and practice to address health equity in underserved areas.

- [Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention – Registered Nurse Training \(NEPQR-RNTP\)](#)  
| **Applications are due August 19, 2022**

This program aims to increase the number of nursing students trained in acute care settings to address and manage social determinants of health factors and improve health equity among underserved populations. HRSA will award approximately \$4.75 million to up to 13 grantees over three years.

- [Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention – Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies \(NEPQR-CFPA\)](#) | **Applications are due August 22, 2022**

This program aims to increase the nursing workforce by creating academies consisting of academic-clinical partnerships to develop and implement a formal curriculum to train clinical nursing faculty and preceptors. HRSA will award approximately \$10 million to up to 10 grantees over four years. Eligible entities for both programs include accredited schools of nursing, a health care facility, including federally qualified health centers or nurse-managed health clinics, or a partnership of such a school and facility. Tribes and Tribal organizations may apply for these funds if otherwise eligible.

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

## CHCNET NEWS

### **HITEQ Cyber-Security Webinar**

Thursday, Sept. 8 | 2:00pm EST | [Register](#)

Do you have any questions about cybersecurity? HITEQ will be available to answer anything related to cybersecurity. This session will seek to motivate and educate health center staff and leadership on current critical cybersecurity threats, concepts, and methods for the defense of health data. A panel of cybersecurity experts will address your questions on how to best protect the health center from both internal and external network leaks, through malware such as ransomware, and through physical means on-site.

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](mailto:mpancook@mepca.org).

### **Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership presents**

#### **The Impact of Language and Stigma on Adolescent Mental Health webinar**

Wednesday, August 10 | 7:30-8:30 am | [Register Here](#)

Participants will learn how to approach and engage with a youth experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis, how language and stigma can impact the outcome of a youth's mental health challenge or crisis, and the importance of meaningful and personalized self-care for their own burnout prevention and wellbeing.

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## HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES



**Trauma-Informed Care**  
*~Community of Practice*

  
**Maine  
Primary Care  
Association**

**Kick-off September 14th**  
Register [Here](#) or email  
Becky Lambert  
[blambert@mepca.org](mailto:blambert@mepca.org)

Are you ready to cultivate a trauma-informed and wellness committed culture into your health center? The TIC Community of Practice is a great place to start and to advance current TIC work!

- Six 90-minute monthly discovery sessions
- Guidance for evaluating current practices and Identifying areas for TIC growth
- 1:1 coaching and assistance, staff training, and TIC toolbox full of useful materials



**Interested in a non-clinical  
Behavioral Health Peer Group?**

The Behavioral Health Leadership/Peer Group is an idea suggested by some of your peers who would like the opportunity to meet quarterly with a flexible (non-clinical) agenda based on group needs. Join us for a brief info session to gauge interest and discuss possible group structure, who the group would be geared for, day/time of meetings, frequency, and agenda.

**September 7th 12-12:30**

Interested? Have questions?  
Contact Becky Lambert  
[blambert@mepca.org](mailto:blambert@mepca.org)

  
**Maine  
Primary Care  
Association**

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

HITEQ's [Aligning People, Process, and Technology to Prevent and Treat HIV](#) learning collaborative for Region 1 health centers is open for [registration](#)!

HRSA has been clear that Community Health Centers will be an integral partner in reducing HIV. To support health centers in leveraging health IT for routine HIV prevention, screening and referral, the HITEQ Center is launching a free learning collaborative. The series will launch with session 1 on September 14, 12:00-1:00 ET. Sessions 2, 3 and 4 will follow on October 5, October 26 and November 16.

**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](#).

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