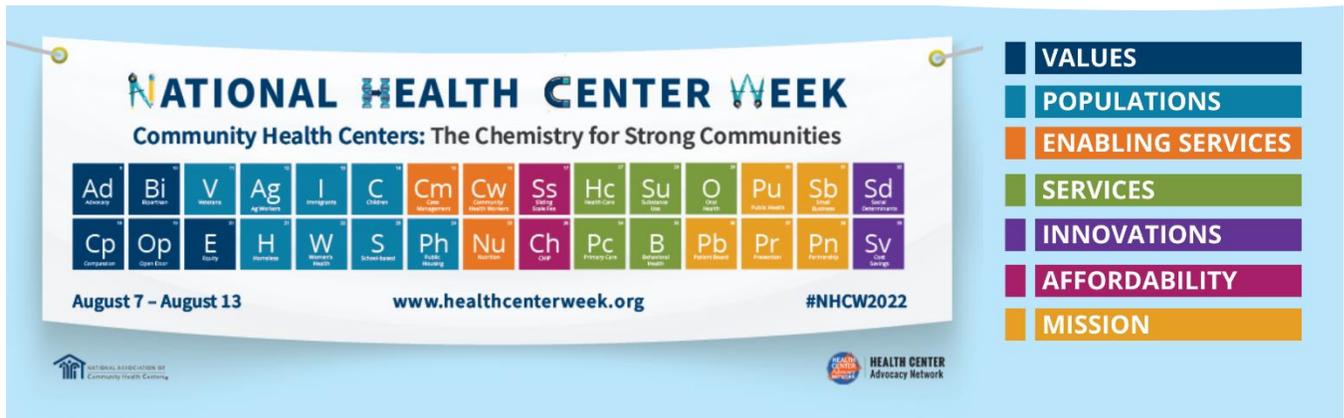


MPCA WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

AUGUST 9, 2022



NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK
Community Health Centers: The Chemistry for Strong Communities

August 7 – August 13 www.healthcenterweek.org #NHCW2022

VALUES
POPULATIONS
ENABLING SERVICES
SERVICES
INNOVATIONS
AFFORDABILITY
MISSION

[A Proclamation on National Health Center Week, 2022](#) - President Biden released a proclamation recognizing this week as National Health Center Week. The proclamation highlights the work of health centers and reiterates his commitment to working with Congress to double the size of the program.

To see how Maine Community Health Centers are celebrating, go to the [National Health Center Week](#) page on the [MPCA website](#).

CDC UPDATES

[US CDC Update for Clinicians on Monkeypox in People with HIV, Children and Adolescents, and People who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#) – *MeHAN* (8/4)

[Arbovirus Update for Healthcare Providers in Maine](#) – *MeHAN* (8/3)

CLINICAL UPDATES

[Single Dose of HPV Vaccine Is 'Game Changer,' Says WHO](#) – *Medscape* (7/27)

[Researchers Find an Epigenetic Signature Linked With MIS-C](#) – *Medscape* (7/29)

[The Key to Allergy Prevention? Early Exposure -- Not Avoidance](#) – *Medscape* (7/29)

[Child Vaccination Across America](#) – *aap.org*

ORAL HEALTH UPDATES

[Association Between Bleeding Periodontal Pockets and Eczemas](#) – *PracticeUpdate* (8/6)

[Is there a better way to treat severe periodontitis?](#) – *DrBicuspid* (8/5)

[Hygienists' mental health worse than dentists during COVID-19](#) - *DrBicuspid* (8/2)

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

**Maine's School-Based Health Center
Grant RFA has been released.**
Applications are due by August 17th.

**CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER!**

**MPCA Annual
Conference**

October 5-6, 2022
Samoset Resort | Rockport, ME



POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Senate Passes Inflation Reduction Act

The Senate on Sunday afternoon passed the Democrats' \$750 billion health care, tax and climate bill. The final, party-line vote was 51-50, with Vice President Harris breaking the tie. The package is the product of painstaking negotiations, and its final passage would give Democrats a chance to achieve major policy objectives ahead of the upcoming midterm elections. For more information, click [here](#).

HHS Should Announce by Mid-August if it will Not Extend the COVID PHE Past October

The current COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE) is scheduled to expire in mid-October, and HHS has committed to provide 60 days' advance notice if it will not renew it. As such, we should know by mid-August if HHS plans to end the COVID PHE – which would trigger both the:

- Requirement for states to resume eligibility redeterminations for all Medicaid and CHIP enrollees and
- End of Medicare payment to FQHCs for medical telehealth visits, which (under current law) will occur 152 days after the PHE ends.

NACHC Publishes two “Primers” on CHC Pharmacy Models and Operations

Last week, NACHC released two items to educate health centers around pharmacy models:

- A [written “primer” on CHC pharmacy operations](#). Topics include the role of the pharmacy in the patient care model, the 340B Drug Discount Program, the Sliding Fee Scale (SFS) and Eligible Patient Prescription Assistance Program (EPPAP), implementation of patient assistance programs and maximizing in-house pharmacy capture rate that addresses the value of incorporating pharmacy into the primary care model
- A [video for CHC Board members](#) with a high-level overview of various pharmacy models and some of the strategic considerations related to these models. The video includes some information on the 340B Drug Discount Program.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

[2022 Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign Kick-Off Event and State's Largest Hiring Fair to be Held August 18](#)

LAST CHANCE - Employers wishing to participate in the kick-off hiring event only or be part of the 100-day campaign or both...you can register at [MHAV 2022 Registration](#). Those wishing to be part of the campaign will also need to complete a no cost/non-binding Memorandum of Agreement ([MS Word](#)) ([PDF](#)). Once completed, send to Leo Deon at leo.j.deon@maine.gov. Don't wait to get involved. **The deadline for registration is August 10, 2022.**

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

INTERESTING READS

[Report highlights challenges to medication-assisted treatment access in rural Maine](#) – *Portland Press Herald* (8/5)

A new report from the University of Vermont highlights how the challenges faced by providers and their patients undercut access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders in Maine's rural areas.

[Polioviruses found in wastewater samples in 2 N.Y. counties, suggesting continued spread](#) – *STAT News* (8/4)

New York state health authorities revealed Thursday that they had detected additional polioviruses in wastewater sampled in two counties north of New York City, findings that signal continued spread of the viruses in the region.

[U.S. declares monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency](#) – *STAT News* (8/4)

The Biden administration declared the ongoing monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency on Thursday, a move that comes amid growing case counts and a groundswell of criticism over the way the administration has handled the outbreak.

[Biden-Harris Administration Releases Two New Reports on Long COVID to Support Patients and Further Research](#) – *HHS.gov* (8/3)

The *National Research Action Plan on Long COVID* details advances in current research and charts a course for future study to better understand prevention and treatment of Long COVID.

[Fewer poor Mainers went without insurance after Medicaid expansion](#) – *Bangor Daily News* (8/3)

The number of low-income, uninsured Maine adults dropped roughly 5 percent in the year after the state [expanded Medicaid](#).

[Millions of Kids Unvaccinated Against COVID-19 as School Year Approaches](#) – *Medscape* (7/29)

As the school year is set to begin across the country, [CNN](#) reports that most children and teenagers are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and cases are rising again with the highly transmissible BA.5 variant.

HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

Multi-lingual COVID Vaccination Health Education Videos

The Azerbaijan Society of Maine has worked with local friends to create health education videos in 10 different languages posted on YouTube. The links are below:

Azerbaijani - <https://youtu.be/UH52t7HNO-I>

French - https://youtu.be/VVj-DzIXk_o

Somali - <https://youtu.be/jNkOVm0gpx4>

Dari - https://youtu.be/z_EOAYrtQ0I

Ukrainian - <https://youtu.be/gi20Re0G7gA>

English - <https://youtu.be/ZPkV5wazPCM>

Persian - https://youtu.be/Kos8ItA_FSs

Arabic - <https://youtu.be/YfYfzhyD7t0>

Pashto - <https://youtu.be/NxoNzCLxXSA>

Russian - <https://youtu.be/QS94nerNFv4>

[The Uneven Burden of Maternal Mortality in the U.S.](#) – *nihcm.org* (8/2) (*infographics*)

[Our Role in Preventing Postpartum Depression](#) – *Medscape* (7/26)

RESOURCE: [Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership](#) – MPBHP is a partnership between Maine CDC, Northern Light Acadia Hospital and MaineHealth, where our teams work together to support pediatric care providers in enhancing children's behavioral health throughout Maine, especially in rural and medically underserved areas. The Mission of the Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership is to educate, support and empower pediatric care providers through training and ongoing web-based and telephonic patient care consultations with behavioral health providers.

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

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

BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS

[Office of the Inspector General's \(OIG\) Report on Fraud in Telehealth](#) – HHS.gov

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

PSO CORNER

Featured Discussion: Patients Refusing Prevention Strategies – [Join the Discussion](#)

In the ECRI and the ISMP PSO Community Forum, a member asks, “Any best practice in regards to patients refusing prevention strategies - such as fall prevention (staying in the bathroom during toileting)? Does your organization have patient refusal contracts?”

The ECRI Community is designed to empower healthcare staff to provide safe, effective, and efficient care by receiving meaningful feedback from peers. Posts can include situations in which the organization may be looking for ways to address a challenge, obtain sample policies, or just seek out another opinion.

Share your experience in the ECRI Community and ask your own questions to hear what your colleagues have to say.

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

OPPORTUNITIES

Advancing Health Equity: Leading Care, Payment, and Systems Transformation REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

AHE is seeking applicants for the next cohort of its learning collaborative, which will include five multi-organization teams. The learning collaborative will help teams develop shared equity priorities, uncover the drivers of disparities in their member populations, and create payment models to support equity-focused care transformation. **Applications are due September 23, 2022.** [Learn more and apply.](#)

MaineHealth/UNE Geriatrics ECHO

MaineHealth/MMC Geriatrics & the University of New England Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) are partnering to launch our 4th Geriatric ECHO series. Topic to include: Falls Assessment, Diabetes Management in Older Adults, Dementia Diagnosis and Treatment, CHF/CKD management and more. For more information, [click here](#).

ECHO-Chicago - Vision Impairment and Eye Health in Primary Healthcare

ECHO-Chicago provides training via Zoom to build capacity at the primary care level to help primary care providers (PCPs) become more competent and comfortable delivering care. In partnership with Prevent Blindness, this series will use an evidence-based approach to improve and empower PCPs with knowledge and confidence to deliver better healthcare across the lifespan, promote the prevention of vision disorders, and improve healthcare for patients who are visually impaired or those patients at risk of losing vision. This program is open to primary healthcare providers throughout the United States. For more information, [click here](#).

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.

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