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Agency Highlight

Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa

Women Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) and Maternal Child Health (MCH): A Great Partnership

Thank you to WIC agencies across the state for partnering with MCH agencies to offer MCH services at WIC clinics and for making referrals that link children and families to needed resources. VNS of Iowa and Polk County WIC clinics are partnering to offer developmental screenings at WIC and in the home.

[Click here](#) for an example of how beneficial this partnership is and will be in the lives of children living in Polk County.

The Update

The Update is a monthly web newsletter published by the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Family Health. It is posted once a month, and provides useful job resource information for departmental health care professionals, information on training opportunities, intradepartmental reports and meetings, and additional information pertinent to health care professionals.

Important Stuff

Email Subject Line Policy

Beginning Tuesday, July 15th, IDPH will be implementing a new email subject line protocol for all email communication with MCH contractors. Please see the chart below for a guide to this new protocol:

Need/Purpose	Type of Communication	How to Identify in Subject Line
Response needed/high importance	Email from IDPH requiring immediate response	RESPONSE DUE <add date> and "high importance" symbol Can then add another identifier about the email information (e.g. budget, meeting RSVP)
High Importance	Email from IDPH that includes critical, time-sensitive information but does not require a response**	URGENT and "high importance" symbol Can then add another identifier about the email information
Response needed	E-mail from IDPH requiring a response	RESPONSE DUE <add date> Can then add another identifier about the email information
Pertinent program information (e.g. required trainings, changes in policy, etc.) – must be read	E-mail from IDPH (most likely bureau chief or regional consultant); it is expected that the recipient will read the email as soon as possible	IMPORTANT Can then add another identifier about the email information
FYI only about various topics – no action needed and programs will not be negatively impacted if not read	Email from IDPH – consider only sending to Sylvia Petersen to be included in The Update	FYI Add identifier about the email information

Presumptive Eligibility Updates and Reminders

- » MCH agencies can now complete PE applications for the following populations:
 - Children up to age 19
 - Pregnant women (coverage of services limited to ambulatory prenatal care)
 - Parents and caretaker relatives
 - Individuals 19 or older and under age 65
 - Former foster care children under the age of 26
- » Agencies that hold a subcontract with an MCH agency can now complete PE applications for these groups.
- » All groups can now request their application not be sent for ongoing Medicaid. All groups except pregnant women must still answer the questions in MPEP about citizenship/immigration status, and the requirements for documentation for PE coverage remain the same.

Click here for full guidance on these changes



Listening Visit Amendments

An email was sent out clarifying some confusion that the Listening Visit project period ended June 30th - however expenses may be submitted until August 14, 2014. Click [here](#) for more details.

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Calendar at a Glance

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Title V Leadership Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Resources:

[The Health and Well-Being of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2011-2012](#)

[Updated Regional Consultant Map](#)

[Iowa Health Link Website \(new!\)](#)

[hawk-i phConnect Community](#)

[New MH Consent Form](#) | [New CH Consent Form](#)

These new forms have updated language relating to texting and/or emailing clients. If you are NOT using these methods of communication, you do not need to modify your current forms.

