

MCH Title V Block Grant

The Title V Maternal Child Health (MCH) Block Grant is currently undergoing a transformation. One of the primary goals of this transformation is to demonstrate the vital leadership role that state Title V programs play in assuring and advancing public health systems that address MCH population health needs.

To achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau has defined a core set of national performance priority areas that Title V programs across the country will work on to collectively “move the needle.”

Fifteen national performance priority areas have been identified (Table 1), from which states must select eight to address through their Title V program. Collectively, these national performance priority areas represent six MCH population domains: 1) Women/Maternal Health; 2) Perinatal/Infant Health; 3) Child Health; 4) Adolescent Health; 5) CYSHCN; and 6) Cross-cutting or Life course.

In addition to the national performance priority areas selected by the state, the state shall develop five state performance measures (SPM) to address its unique MCH needs to the extent that these needs are not addressed by the national measures.

Table 1: National Performance Priority Areas by Population Domain

NPM #	National Performance Priority Areas	MCH Population Domains
1	Well-woman visit	Women/Maternal Health
2	Low-risk cesarean delivery	Women/Maternal Health
3	Perinatal regionalization	Perinatal/Infant Health
4	Breastfeeding	Perinatal/Infant Health
5	Safe sleep	Perinatal/Infant Health
6	Developmental screening	Child Health
7	Injury	Child Health and/or Adolescent Health
8	Physical activity	Child Health and/or Adolescent Health
9	Bullying	Adolescent Health
10	Adolescent well-visit	Adolescent Health
11	Medical home	Children with Special Health Care Needs
12	Transition	Children with Special Health Care Needs
13	Oral health	Cross-cutting/Life course
14	Smoking	Cross-cutting/Life course
15	Adequate insurance coverage	Cross-cutting/Life course

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Example: National Performance Measures associated with the National Performance Priority Area of Well-Woman Visits include:

- Severe maternal morbidity per 10,000 delivery hospitalizations
- Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live births
- Low birth weight rate (%)
- Very low birth weight rate (%)
- Moderately low birth weight rate (%)
- Preterm birth rate (%)
- Early preterm birth rate (%)
- Late preterm birth rate (%)
- Early term birth rate (%)
- Infant mortality per 1,000 live births
- Perinatal mortality per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths
- Neonatal mortality per 1,000 live births
- Postneonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births
- Preterm-related mortality per 100,000 live births