

SOUTH DAKOTA FY 2026 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT SUMMARY

The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) is seeking public comment as it prepares its FY 2026 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). The following information provides a summary of the South Dakota MCH Block Grant selected priorities and National Performance Measures.

The DOH receives approximately \$2.2 million dollars annually to assure access to preventive and primary health care services for the required population groups of: (1) preventive and primary care services for pregnant women, mothers and infants; (2) preventive and primary care services for children and adolescents; and (3) services for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Federal law requires each state to allocate a minimum of 30 percent of available funds to services for children with special health care needs, and a minimum of 30 percent of available funds to services for children and adolescents.

The following priority needs identified for the South Dakota MCH block grant were based on the recent five-year needs assessment completed for FY 2026-2030 MCH Block Grant cycle. The priority needs cross the five population domains – Women/Maternal Health, Perinatal/Infant Health, Child Health, Adolescent Health, and Children with Special Health Care Needs.

- Women's Health: Postpartum Visits
- Infant Health: Safe Sleep
- Child Health: Food Sufficiency, Medical Home
- Adolescent Health: Adolescent Well-Visits
- Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs: Medical Home, Referrals

States were required to choose a minimum of five National Performance Measures (NPM) to address during the five-year cycle (2026-2030) with at least one NPM from each population domain. South Dakota selected the measures below:

- **Women's Health:**
 - Percent of women who attended a postpartum checkup within 12 weeks after giving birth
 - Percent of women who attended a postpartum checkup and received recommended care components
- **Infant Health:**
 - Percent of infants placed to sleep on their backs
 - Percent of infants placed to sleep on a separate approved sleep surface
 - Percent of infants placed to sleep without soft objects or loose bedding
 - Percent of infants room-sharing with an adult

- **Child Health:**
 - Percent of children, ages 0 through 11, whose households were food sufficient in the past year
 - Percent of children with and without special healthcare needs, ages 0 through 17, who have a medical home
- **Adolescent Health:**
 - Percent of adolescents, ages 12 through 17, with a preventive medical visit in the past year
- **Children with Special Healthcare Needs**
 - Percent of children with and without special healthcare needs, ages 0 through 17, who have a medical home
 - Percent of children with and without special healthcare needs, ages 0 through 17, who receive needed referrals

The State is also developing a five-year State Action Plan to assist in aligning program strategies and activities with identified needs and performance measures. Each year the state will update on progress toward the identified measures and implement changes to strategies and activities as appropriate.

If commenting on the above priorities and/or NPMs, please review the priority needs as well as the federal and state-negotiated performance measures above and provide comment on suggested changes and potential actions to address any of the priority needs. Note: this notice is meant to solicit public comment on the selected priorities and performance measures. Please do not respond with requests for funds.

Please email your feedback and comments to DOHMCHBG@state.sd.us

All comments must be received by July 1, 2025 to be considered for the FY 2026 MCH Block Grant application.

To request a copy of the draft FY 2026 MCH Block Grant application, please email your request along with your name and address using the information above. It is estimated that a draft application will be available for distribution by August 1, 2025. Based on previous years, the application will be approximately 270 pages (including application text, supporting documents, forms and budget).