

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**FY 2023 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT**  
**SUMMARY**

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The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) is seeking public input as it prepares its FY 2023 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). This application is required for continuation of federal funds for the state's Title V program which serves mothers, pregnant women, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs. The following information provides a summary of the South Dakota MCH Block Grant annual plan including activities to address priority needs and 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 (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 five-year needs assessment completed for FY 2021-2025 MCH Block Grant cycle. The priority needs cross the five population domains – Women/Maternal Health, Perinatal/Infant Health, Child Health, Adolescent Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, with a sixth priority need that falls into the Cross-Cutting & Systems Building domain area:

- Women/Maternal Mental Health and Substance Misuse
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Parenting Education and Support
- Youth Mental Health/Suicide Prevention
- Healthy Relationships
- Access to Care and Services for Children
- Data Sharing and Collaboration

The federal MCHB has developed 15 national performance measures (NPMs) covering the five population domains. States are required to choose five out of the 15 NPMs to address during the five-year cycle (2021-2025) with at least one NPM from each population domain. South Dakota has selected the following five measures below:

- NPM 1 – Percent of women, ages 18-44, with past year preventive medical visit in the past year
- NPM 5 –
  - A) Percent of infants placed to sleep on their backs
  - B) Percent of infants placed to sleep on a separate approved sleep surface
  - C) Percent of infants placed to sleep without soft objects or loose bedding

- NPM 6 – Percent of children, ages 9 through 35 months, receiving a developmental screening using a parent-completed screening tool in the past year
- NPM 7.2 Rate of hospitalization for non-fatal injury per 100,000 adolescents, ages 10 through 19
- NPM 11 – Percent of children with and without special health care needs, ages 0-17, who have a medical home

In addition, states are allowed to develop one or more state performance measures (SPMs) to address priority needs that were not adequately represented under the national performance measures.

South Dakota developed the following SPMs:

- Healthy Relationships
- Maternal & Child Health (MCH) data is collaborative, equitable, and shared widely

The State has also developed 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, 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. To provide comments, call, write, e-mail or FAX them to the:

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All comments must be received by June 21, 2022 to be considered for the FY 2022 MCH Block Grant application.

To request a copy of the draft FY 2023 MCH Block Grant application, please send your name and address to Jennifer Folliard at the address above. It is estimated that a draft application will be available for distribution by August 1, 2022. Based on previous years, the application will be approximately 270 pages (including application text, supporting documents, forms and budget).