

## **Communications Bulletin 9/12/2024**

Attachment:

- ELC ELE Itemized Invoice Breakdown Guidance

Visit the [LPHA Info Hub](#) for news and links to resources.

## **UPDATES**

- **Falls Prevention Press Release** to go out 9/12/2024. Falls are the leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injuries among seniors age 65 and older in Missouri. DHSS is partnering with the National Council on Aging to host a series of events to raise awareness about tips to reduce falls. The press release will be posted at <https://health.mo.gov/news>
- **RSV Education:** Dr. Miller will be sending out a letter to providers in Missouri on RSV and the DHSS Office of Public Information will send out a press release in coordination with that letter either this week or next week. Resources for LPHAs will be added to the Hub, as well.
- **ELC-LPHA Contracts update** from Tiffany Bayer, CLPHS: To ensure that DHSS and our LPHAs, as subrecipients of the CDC-ELC Grant, are in compliance with the use of funds in accordance with the CDC ELC Cooperative Agreement, changes are needed to the current processes regarding prior approvals and invoicing. These changes will be outlined within a contract amendment that will be issued in the near future and additional information will be sent at a later date regarding this amendment. Some changes are effective immediately regarding prior approvals and submitting invoices for payment. All prior approval requests will now need to be submitted by completing an online form through the ELC Hub located [here](#). If you have submitted a request and have not received an approval/denial as of today's date, you will need to utilize the hub to resubmit that request. Changes regarding invoice submissions will also be effective immediately and instructions as to what is needed to accompany each invoice sent for payment is included as an attachment to this email. If you submitted a previous invoice that needs additional information in order to be processed, you will be receiving email correspondence from CLPHS asking that you add the additional information and resubmit. Our operations and requirements must evolve as the pandemic response evolves, and with the evolution must come increased rigidity to protect not only DHSS, but our local public health partners. It is just as important to work together now as it was in the beginning of the pandemic to ensure that we meet the needs of Missourians, while also ensuring that the funding spent meets contract deliverables and that expenditures are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary. Thank you for joining us to work as a team through these changes. In order to provide the best guidance possible, we will be hosting several technical sessions. The dates of those sessions will be released soon via email and LPHA Hub. (Attachment)
- **Fluoride Varnish:** The Office of Dental Health hosts a quarterly meeting with LPHAs to discuss opportunities to begin a fluoride varnish program at the health department and WIC clinic. This meeting provides details on how to get this started and allows for the sharing of ideas and information between LPHAs. If you are interested in joining this quarterly meeting, please send an email to [oralhealth@health.mo.gov](mailto:oralhealth@health.mo.gov) with your best day and time availability and we will get you signed up! Meetings will begin in October 2024.

- **Unregulated psychoactive cannabis products:** DHSS is withdrawing the *Memo for Missouri Food Retails and Wholesalers Executive Order 24-10 Implementation*, issued August 29, 2024, which was included in the August 29 weekly communications bulletin. The Department will continue to embargo food containing unregulated psychoactive cannabis products, as directed by [Executive Order 24-10](#). A press conference was held Tuesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> by the Governor regarding enforcement, mostly related to enforcement efforts by the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Control.
- **New laws from the 2024 legislative session took effect on August 28**, unless otherwise noted. The list below is courtesy of Missouri Foundation for Health. The online [Missouri Revisor of Statutes](#) is updated to reflect the new laws. They include, but are not limited to:
  - **Federal Reimbursement Allowance** - Extends the expiration dates for the federal reimbursement allowance, a funding mechanism for the Medicaid program, for hospitals, nursing facilities, and other providers from September 30, 2024, to September 30, 2029.
  - **340B Drug Program** - Enacts provisions that prohibit restriction of contracted pharmacies to participate in the 340B program ([376.414 RSMo](#)).
  - **Blair's Law** – Establishes “Blair's Law” which criminalizes celebratory gun fire ([571.031 RSMo](#)).
  - **Unlawful possession of a firearm** – Increases the penalty for unlawful possession of a firearm ([571.070 RSMo](#)).
  - **Senior Property Tax Credit** – Clarifies issues from the 2023 law which allows a freeze on property tax for individuals who qualify as a senior ([137.1050 RSMo](#)).
  - **Land Banks** – Expands the locations where land banks may be established. ([Sections 140.982-140.987 RSMo](#)).
  - **Eviction Moratoriums** - Provides that no county, municipality, or political subdivision shall impose or enforce a moratorium on eviction proceedings unless authorized by state law (67.137 RSMo, not yet available online).
  - **Recovery High Schools** - Changes the deadline for a school district to submit a proposal to operate a recovery high school from December 1st to July 1st of the school year preceding the beginning of operation of the school ([167.850 RSMo](#)).
  - **Missouri Rural Access to Capital Act** - Provides a tax credit for certain investments made for businesses located in rural areas ([Sections 620.3500 – 620.3530 RSMo](#)).
  - **Medicaid Funding for Planned Parenthood** - Prohibits MO HealthNet funding of abortion facilities and affiliates (this legislation specifically targets Planned Parenthood clinics). ([188.015 RSMo](#), [188.220 RSMo](#), [208.152 RSMo](#), [208.153 RSMo](#), [208.164 RSMo](#), and [208.659 RSMo](#)).
  - **Child Care** – Prohibits establishing or operating a pediatric extended care facility without a license issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services, effective August 28, 2025. ([210.201 RSMo](#), [210.211 RSMo](#), [210.252 RSMo](#), and [210.275 RSMo](#)).
  - **Veteran Suicide Prevention** - Requires the Missouri Veterans' Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, to provide recommendations and make efforts to prevent veteran suicide and file a report with the Department of Public Safety and the General Assembly before July 1, 2025 and by every subsequent July 1st ([42.022 RSMo](#)).

## RECALLS

Eagle Produce LLC Scottsdale, AZ is **voluntarily recalling whole cantaloupe** potentially contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were distributed between August 13th - 17th in Missouri and other states in various retail supermarkets. The cantaloupes are identified with a red and white sticker with KANDY across the top and UPC number code, 4050. <https://tinyurl.com/aaua7mm4>

## NEWS

**9/10/2024:** Missouri Supreme Court allows abortion question back on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. <https://tinyurl.com/mr2y2yau>

**9/10/2024:** March of Dimes issues a report on maternity care deserts, stating 1 in 3 counties in the US doesn't have an OBGYN doctor. <https://tinyurl.com/8y3e4s6s>

**9/10/2024:** A new study published in *Endocrinology* suggests girls may be starting puberty earlier than in the past, due to exposure to certain chemicals in the environment. <https://tinyurl.com/ynefa2vj>

**9/10/2024:** A CDC report published this week finds that suicide rates were lowest in communities with the highest health insurance coverage, broadband internet access and income, suggesting that assuring these social supports might help reduce suicide rates. <https://tinyurl.com/4v3dw372>

**9/9/2024:** Health insurance companies will have to upgrade their mental health benefits to match the coverage they offer for other care under a final rule three federal departments issued Monday. <https://tinyurl.com/eubrpftn>

**9/9/2024:** New research published in JAMA pediatrics suggests newborns with an unusual pattern of metabolites in their system are far more likely to die of SIDS, suggesting risk could one day be predicted with blood screening. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2823155>

**9/6/2024:** CDC reports first confirmed human case of avian H5 bird flu in a Missouri resident. <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2024/s0906-birdflu-case-missouri.html>

## RESOURCES

- "Silence in Sikeston: Racism can make you sick" podcast on racism and racial trauma (25 minutes), provided by KFF Health News <https://tinyurl.com/2s4zn7xz>
- Maternity Care Deserts Report, March of Dimes, <https://www.marchofdimes.org/maternity-care-deserts-report>

## WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

**NEW!** Sept 16, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Focus Groups: A Beginner's Guide. Hosted by CADCA. Learn how to select participants, craft questions, and manage logistics in order to leverage focus groups to gather quality information. Register at <https://www.cadca.org/events/focus-groups-a-beginners-guide/>

Sept 17, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at Powder Valley Conservation Center, 11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to [environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov](mailto:environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov).

Sept 17 – 19 **MPHA Joint Annual Public Health Conference**, Columbia. Register: <https://mophaevents.org/>

Sept 17, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, **A Vote for Health: LGBTQ+ Rights**, Boston University School of Public Health. This program will consider the intersection of the 2024 election and LGBTQ+ health. We will explore the sociopolitical forces that shape LGBTQ+ health and reflect on how public health can better engage with these forces to advance the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ populations. Register <https://tinyurl.com/8p927t58>

Sept 25, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at Oak Woods Conservation Center, 1401 NW Park Road, Blue Springs, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to [environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov](mailto:environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov).

Sept 25, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, **Audit-Proof Your Organization: Mastering the Art of Financial Transparency**, hosted by National Grants Management Association; essential knowledge and strategies to effectively prepare for large-scale financial audits; audit requirements specific to your sector; internal controls; best practices for financial documentation; register at <https://tinyurl.com/25bmprzw>

Sept 26, **National Healthy Aging Symposium: Innovation Across the Age-Friendly Ecosystem**, hosted by ODPHP and Trust for America's Health, free online virtual event. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9meyvb>

Sept 26, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at Comfort Inn and Suites, 1821 N Missouri Street, Macon, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to [environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov](mailto:environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov).

Oct 1 – 2. **Missouri Food Safety Task Force Conference**, Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Columbia. Agenda is being finalized, but topics include Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) training opportunities, MU lab resources, Rapid Response Team (RRT), basic fundamentals of HACCP, food safety panel discussion, and more! Conference registration, hotel room reservation instructions, and agenda will be sent via listserv soon. Contact [Paige.Anderson@health.mo.gov](mailto:Paige.Anderson@health.mo.gov) with any questions.

Oct 3, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Environmental Childcare Training**, at DHSS, 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City, MO. Hosted by DHSS. Full attendance at one of the listed sessions is required by inspectors conducting childcare sanitation inspections. Registration is not required. If none of the dates work with

your schedule, please reach out to your BEHS district staff to discuss options. Please direct general questions to [environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov](mailto:environmentalchildcare@health.mo.gov).

Oct 27 – 30, **APHA Annual Meeting and Expo**, Minneapolis. Register: <https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>

Oct 29 – 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (29<sup>th</sup>) and 8:00 am – 11:30 am (30<sup>th</sup>), **Fall Preparedness Summit**, Mill Bottom, 400 W Main Street, Jefferson City. Registration details coming soon.