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UPDATES

Data opt out: Email [Daniel Bogle](#) and [Tiffany Bayer](#) by Thursday, January 16th to opt out of having your FPHS Costing Assessment data shared with PHAB. PHAB and Univ. of Minnesota are working on four projects they would like to use the data for:

- build out the back end of the workforce calculator,
- release a national report from early adoptees of states who have used the national costing assessment model (data would be aggregated nationally and released publicly),
- inform development of guidebooks for public health agencies, and
- Univ of MN under a HRSA grant, analyze the nation's public health workforce by nationally aggregating the data.

Contract due dates:

- PHIG Monitoring Assessment due January 15, 2025
- PHEP FY25 mid-year report due January 15
- PHEP FY26 workplan due January 20
- SAFR (Subrecipient Annual Financial Report) is due for all state contracts held by LPHAs annually (in the 12th month of a contract) or with the final invoice if a contract is shorter than 12 months. See instructions on how to fill out the SAFR from the 1/7/2025 [LPHA Update call recording](#) starting at 9:18 in the video.
- ELC-EDE: Please utilize the [ELC Contract Hub](#) to submit invoices, rather than using the DH-38. Invoices should be submitted by the last day of the following month, with supporting documents.

Onside Wastewater Program will sponsor American Sign Language interpreters for the March 17 - 19 Basic Installers class, if you have Deaf or Hard of Hearing community partners interested in attending. Register by February 28. Details in [flyer](#).

Movers system will go live in summer 2025, replacing the current invoice payment system. Vendors and suppliers should register in the [Missouri Buys powered by Movers system](#) to ensure smooth payment processing. Separate accounts may be needed for LPHAs and counties, depending on invoicing arrangements.

Firewall upgrade for those LPHAs using the state-supported firewall; equipment will be updated. Please let DHSS know if your LPHA wants to be part of the update or if you no longer want to be supported by the state's firewall.

MCH needs assessment survey: Please share with your local partners.

<https://redcapdcp linux.azurewebsites.net/redcap/surveys/?s=H3ATN7HFFLK3L4C4>

Promote the survey with social media graphics and messaging:

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthyLivingMo/posts/pfbid088deD9wnfFcFHiXLdm8MJip2uwLCiCbW9FBYU3QQSJP6jN2USdevXuABwUE2vGEql>

VFC Online Provider Manual: “ShowMeVax help desk” has been changed to “Vaccine Support Team” and updates have been made on pages 7, 8, 11, 18, 20 and 23.

DHSS partnered with ASTHO through the PHIG contract to improve DHSS policy development and review processes. ASTHO provided technical assistance to help DHSS relaunch a policy review committee, establish new by-laws, and use ASTHO’s policy and gap analysis tool to create an overview of existing and required administrative policies that guide DHSS’s operations. <https://tinyurl.com/2amxx8py>

NEWS

1/9/2025: President Biden increases the amount of “contingency management” money SAMHSA can approve in its grants to pay individuals to reduce their substance use from \$75 to \$750 a year. <https://tinyurl.com/3eu5hppn>

1/8/2025: FDA approves labeling changes for Pfizer's Abrysvo and GSK's Arexvy RSV vaccines due to the risk of Guillain-Barre syndrome. <https://tinyurl.com/4tzjvftp>

1/8/2025: USDA announces 28 states are now enrolled in its National Milk Testing Strategy, launched in December 2024 to provide data on the presence of H5N1 in dairy cows. Missouri is not currently enrolled. <https://tinyurl.com/mr3zaudr>

1/8/2025: An all-time high of 24 million people have enrolled in health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment ends January 15, 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/yc6h2z49>

1/7/2025: Facebook’s fact checking program will be discontinued, allowing broader unmoderated posting on the social media platform. <https://about.fb.com/news/2025/01/meta-more-speech-fewer-mistakes/>

1/7/2025: India reports 7 cases of HMPV while the virus surges in China. <https://tinyurl.com/ff492an3>

1/7/2025: France reports its first case of clade 1 mpox, making it the 11th country outside of Africa to report clade 1 mpox, which is different than the clade 2 virus circulating globally. <https://tinyurl.com/yeyuyxpd>

RESOURCES

[8 Considerations for Choosing a Performance Management System](#), ASTHO

H5N1 short explanatory videos from CDC answer common questions about the virus <https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/video-series/index.html>

June 27, 2025 [KFF's Greater Than HIV and Walgreens](#) bring health departments and community organizations into Walgreens stores to offer FREE rapid HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis C testing, and distribute educational resources. Local partners provide PrEP referrals to care.

Benefits of participation include:

- Access to Walgreens private health room to offer FREE HIV (and other rapid STI) testing and/or space allocated for a mobile unit in parking lot;
- Community outreach toolkit with t-shirts, banners, buttons, brochures, and more, shipped directly to your organization;
- Donated rapid tests (subject to availability) and trainings from test kit manufacturers; and
- Digital graphics, customizable media advisories and posters, sample posts for social media promotion, tips for success and more!

To participate, click [here](#) to complete a short questionnaire.

OPPORTUNITIES

[Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program](#) – Apply by January 27. This community-based grant program aims to support organizations to promote rural health care services outreach by improving and expanding the delivery of health care services to include new and enhanced services in rural areas. To achieve this purpose, the program also aims to strengthen local resources and capacity in rural communities. Through collaborative consortiums that include three or more health care providers, each community can develop innovative approaches to solve their own unique challenges and factors underlying rural health disparities.

[Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#) – Apply by February 19. This program supports the planning and development of rural integrated health care networks with specific focus on collaboration of entities to establish or improve local capacity and care coordination in underserved communities. Specifically, the program uses the concept of developing networks as a strategy for linking rural health care network participants together to achieve greater collective capacity to overcome local challenges, expand access and improve the quality of care in the rural communities these organizations serve.

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\) – Overdose Response](#) – Apply by March 10. The RCORP – Overdose Response is a one-year program supporting improved health care in rural areas by addressing their immediate and short-term needs related to the provision of substance use disorder services. RCORP – Overdose Response aims to reduce and prevent the risk of overdoses in rural areas. The RCORP-Overdose Response Program will support specific, short-term substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery activities, as well as work related to capacity building, supportive services, and special populations. Allowable activities are defined in the notice of funding opportunity. [A technical assistance webinar via Zoom](#) will be held for applicants on January 30, at 2:00 pm C.T.

[Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program](#) – Apply by March 17. The purpose of this program is to support community-based projects that promote access to preventive clinical and public

health services for underserved children. Projects must represent a new initiative within the community or an innovative component that builds on existing community resources.

Missouri Only – [Delta Health Systems Implementation Program](#) – Apply by March 20. The purpose of this program is to improve healthcare delivery in rural areas by implementing projects that will improve the financial sustainability of rural healthcare organizations and allow for increased access to care in rural communities. These projects focus on financial and operational improvement, quality improvement, telehealth, and workforce development in rural healthcare organizations in the rural counties and parishes of the Delta region.

WEBINARS/TRAINING/CONFERENCES

January 2025, Inspector Boot Camp and Advanced Inspector Boot Camp, hosted by Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). The course is free and is only offered once each year. It is virtual, four hours per day, one day per week, for three weeks. [Register](#)

January 6, 10:00 am, Pregnancy and Risk Screening Codes Changing: Changes to CMS codes means MO HealthNet has assigned new codes to reimburse for Prenatal and Postpartum Screenings. The changes go into effect January 1, 2025. [Register](#) for webinar

January 14 – 16, 2025, Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training (live virtual training). [Apply](#) by Dec 1. Fully accredited by The Council for Tobacco Treatment Training Programs (CTTTP). It provides a comprehensive approach for individuals to learn the core competencies necessary to apply for the National Certificate in Tobacco Treatment Practice (NCTTP). Prerequisites and a deposit of \$100 are required. Deposits are fully refunded after the completion of the entire program. Direct questions to: quitnow@health.missouri.edu.

January 15, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, Growing with Grants: Preparing to Win and Manage Federal Awards, National Grants Management Association. Develop a proposal strategy, understand the grants lifecycle, create a checklist for success and learn the basics of compliance. [Register](#)

NEW! January 15, 10:00 – 11:30 am, [Virtual Session- Grants 101 Refresh](#), HRSA IEA Region 7. Learn about the federal grant application process, where to find funding opportunities, strategies for putting together a successful application, and resources to support their grant writing efforts.

January 27 – 31, 2025, Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators. \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)

May 5 - 9, 2025, Basic Inspections and Investigations Course for New Manufactured and Retail Regulators. \$350 fee and class size limited to 18 people. [Register](#)