



To: Chief Financial Officers
From: Cait Cooksey, Deputy Director – Hospital Rate Regulation
Date: August 8, 2024
Re: Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Improvement Fund Assessment

At its May 12, 2021 public meeting, the Health Services Cost Review Commission approved a policy to fund the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Improvement Fund through a broad-based, uniformed assessment to hospital rates. The Commission approved a total of \$10 million in annual funding for four years (FY 2022 – FY 2025).

Annual funding is directed to fund interventions led by Medicaid, Managed Care Organizations, and the Maryland Department of Health to address severe maternal morbidity and childhood asthma. More information can be found in the HSCRC May 2021 Public Meeting Materials at: <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/commissionmeetings.aspx>.

FY 2025 is the final year of the assessment. Assessment amounts remain the same as all prior years. Payments to the MCH fund are due Friday, August 23, 2024. Please continue to follow payment submission instructions received from the HSCRC rate setting team. If you have any questions regarding the assessment, you may contact Erin Schurmann at erin.schurmann@maryland.gov or Andrea Strong at andrea.strong@maryland.gov.

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