

**Program Element #39: Maternity Case Management (MCM) Program (Deschutes and Hood River Counties only)**

1. **Description.** The funds provided under this Financial Assistance Agreement for this Program Element shall only be used, in accordance with and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth below, as supplemental funds to support the Maternity Case Management (MCM) Program activities to improve standards and practices for identifying and addressing environmental health hazards among pregnant women.
2. **Procedural and Operational Requirements**
  - a. LPHA must implement its maternity case management activities, in accordance with its approved Local Program Plan, attached as Attachment 1 to this Program Element.
  - b. LPHA must use the funds awarded to LPHA under this Agreement for this Program Element only in accordance with the Approved Budget, attached to this Program Element as Attachment 2. These funds may only be used to implement LPHA's Maternity Case Management activities.
  - c. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Local Program Plan, the Approved Budget, the provisions of the Agreement or the provisions of this Program Element Description, the described documents, as applicable, shall control in the following order of priority: (1) the Agreement; (2) this Program Element Description; (3) Attachment 2 (the Approved Budget); and (4) Attachment 1 (the Local Program Plan, together with Attachment 2).
3. **Reporting Obligations and Periodic Reporting Requirements.** In addition to the reporting obligations set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, LPHA must provide a summary of MCM activities that include:
  - a. Client encounter data from home visits. Complete and submit DHS Project Documentation Tool that includes documentation of environmental assessments, nurse and client plans, and interventions provided.
  - b. Project data, including number of client visits, number of contacts with local prenatal care providers, and number of contacts with environmental health specialists.

**Attachment 1**  
**Local Program Plan**

**For Deschutes and Hood River County LPHAs re:  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant Project  
“Building Capacity to Address Environmental Hazards During Pregnancy”**

**I. INTRODUCTION:**

Maternity Case Management (MCM) services are provided through LPHAs to Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and their families. The MCM Program aims to reduce the effects of risks on pregnancy outcomes, promote adequate prenatal care for pregnant women, and strengthen a family’s capacity to meet its needs. Public Health Nurses (PHNs) provide socioeconomic, environmental and behavior risk assessments; health-centered education; assistance with risk reduction; ongoing referrals; and client advocacy.

**II. PURPOSE AND GOALS:**

The purpose of this project is to improve standards and practices for addressing environmental health hazards among pregnant women who are participating in the MCM Program. The assessment tool currently used by PHNs during a home/environment visit with a participant does not address many environmental health issues. In addition, current education practices and materials lack information as about how exposures to specific environmental hazards are harmful to the pregnant woman; neither do they include information on ways to minimize or eliminate exposures.

The goals for this project are to:

- A. Improve the home/environmental assessment tool,
- B. increase knowledge of LPHA staff (MCM PRNs and environmental health) about environmental exposure and interventions in a limited resource environment, and
- C. improve collaboration between state and local Environmental Health Specialists, local public health staff and prenatal care providers.

**III. REQUIRED PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

- A. LPHA must participate and attend all meetings of the project Steering Committee.
- B. LPHA MCM PHNs must participate in monthly conference calls at times mutually agreed to between DHS and LPHA.
- C. LPHA must review, pilot test, and provide input on an improved home/environmental assessment tool and modification of existing guidelines.
- D. LPHA must attend onsite training sessions conducted by DHS, Public Health Division staff.
- E. LPHA must work in partnership with the project Steering Committee to develop a plan to increase collaboration and coordination between MCM and environmental health staff and prenatal care providers to address environmental hazards during pregnancy.
- F. LPHA must provide facilities to host project Steering Committee meetings and training sessions.
- G. LPHA must participate in pre and post intervention evaluation surveys.

**Attachment 2**  
**Approved Budget**