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Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Fink, Brenda (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS)
Cc: Moran, Susan (DHHS); Wells, Eden (DHHS); Hertel, Elizabeth (DHHS)
Subject: RE: Flint water filters question
Attachments: draft MEMO to Home Visiting programs about Flint water.resources.docx

Draft, v2 is attached. I drafted this using the talking points and press releases, in order to have a consistent message. Looking forward to your input!

Nancy

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Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Fink, Brenda (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS)
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Subject: RE: Flint water filters question

We need to see the memo. Can you please send that around?

Angela

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I'll just add that once we send this memo out, all the HV providers will be asking us to clarify this very point—are the HV pg women and babies eligible for these filters? I'm guessing given our IM priority and the fact that we're about to release an updated IM reduction plan for the next 3 years, that having to tell Flint that these moms aren't eligible is something we'd want to at least think through carefully. Minimally we'd need some guidance from you all as to how to word clarifying they are not eligible.

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Eden

I sent this as an FYI

Yesterday. 'after this point is sorted out can you please review the memo

And provide approval.

Thanks

Rashmi

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 7:47 AM, Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <MinicuciA@michigan.gov> wrote:

We definitely need Elizabeth's input. The filters available for MDHHS clients can only go to participants on FIP, FAP, SSI or CDC. Unless the HV participant is on one of those programs, I don't believe they'd qualify for a filter. Either way, whatever memo you'd like to send needs to be reviewed by Geralyn and Eden first.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 7:44 AM, Moran, Susan (DHHS) <Moran5@michigan.gov> wrote:

I sent a note to Elizabeth as well

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 7:39 AM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your input/ I will need to defer to Angela who can bring to Geralyn et al

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2015, at 11:48 PM, Fink, Brenda (DHHS)

<FinkB@michigan.gov> wrote:

We can be clear in the memo that they ARE considered MDHHS clients, but we'd need to do some admin followup work to be sure the distribution centers know this; we'd also have to determine what documentation they'd need to show---show their Medicaid card? Have each provider give a verification of enrollment to their families as part of following up with each related to this? Ok, Nancy and I are about to wrap it up for this evening . . . more tomorrow!

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From: Moran, Susan (DHHS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:32 PM
To: Fink, Brenda (DHHS); Wells, Eden (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS)
Cc: Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)
Subject: RE: Flint water filters question

Hi there- also working on lead issues. For communication, I would consider the HV clients as MDHHS clients- as you note, HV clients also likely to be receiving other MDHHS support/services such as WIC, SNAP, etc.

From: Fink, Brenda (DHHS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:17 PM
To: Moran, Susan (DHHS); Wells, Eden (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Travis, Rashmi (DHHS)
Cc: Peeler, Nancy (DHHS)
Subject: Flint water filters question

Nancy and I are sharing a condo here at the MALPH conference, and we're both working away on our laptops this evening. She drafted, and I've been reviewing the memo we want to send to the home visiting providers in the Flint area. Nancy necessarily crafted her draft memo (which you will receive tomorrow for your approval before we send it out) based on the talking points MDHHS developed and has shared publicly. In reviewing it, I raised the question about whether, per the talking points, HV families are considered MDHHS clients or not. The list of programs they have to be in and provide documentation for reads like a list for the old DHS, not a list that is inclusive of both departments. Nancy and I both reread, discussed—and agreed we need this clarified so we can accurately inform the HV providers what the specific options are for these families for obtaining the water filters. As you are well aware, our HV moms/babies are among the groups most at risk in this situation. Most all of them are on Medicaid, HV is also an MDHHS program. We both just assumed these clients would be considered MDHHS clients, but in reading the talking points, we're not so sure.

We are asking our HV providers in the Flint area to reach out to the HV participants to be sure they receive the necessary lead prevention/intervention information, that they get the support they need to truly understand what this means---AND that they help the clients access the water filters. Many of them will be in WIC, a few in the "DHS" programs listed, but we

were planning to say that access could be through WFC as one resource, as well as through the distribution options for MDHHS clients'. Please advise. Thanks!

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