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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.

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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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