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Thank you for your 10/2/15 email to Michigan WIC regarding the water situation in Flint. Our Michigan Dept. of Health & Human Services has been in regular contact with the local health department and working on the issues. Here are some key updates:

Genesee County reports their WIC nutritionists are currently assessing whether or not clients have access to safe water. They first screen to determine which clients live in city (apparently this about 50-60% total caseload), and then ask if they have access to bottled water. They indicated that the majority of clients who are reconstituting infant formula with water are already using bottled water.

Filter Distribution: United Way is giving the County Health Dept. 4,000 filters. The Health Dept. is targeting this distribution to WIC clients They are planning to have a distribution even on Fri and Sat—possibly at U of M Flint.

Lead Testing: Blood Lead testing for kids is currently done adjunct with WIC clinics. Also, Hurley does a good job of already testing their kids. Additionally, they are working on a plan to have McLaren Health Plan do additional testing.

We will continue to monitor the overall situation and work with the local health department on this situation. Thank you.

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I am checking with Eden. It seems like we can only say what we think the GCHD is doing for WIC clients or we refer her to the GCHD.
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Hi Rashmi - Please review and advise who will/can reply. Thanks

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Hi Stan,

Hope you are doing well. I just wanted to check in with you on the situation in Flint. Our office has been getting calls about the water situation and I'm curious what advice, if any, you all are giving to WIC parents. Have you all explored allowing ready-to-feed formulas or do you feel confident that the water filters being provided by the state are sufficient to address the concerns about lead?

Hope all is well!

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