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Flint Water Discussion Points **Updated Jan. 26**

Current Issues Talking Points **Medicaid/Federal Asks**

- Governor Snyder today announced that a request will be sent to the federal government that asks for all Flint residents under age 21 to receive additional healthcare services to address potential problems brought on from exposure to lead.
- We want to make sure comprehensive medical care services are available, and we hope the federal government will partner in our efforts.
- Request will include:
 - Expanded Medicaid eligibility for all residents in the impacted areas up to age 21, regardless of income level.
 - Lead-abatement programs to help minimize and/or prevent any long term adverse health problems associated with lead exposure.
 - Additional, community-based resources to ensure all children, regardless of health insurance coverage, have access to comprehensive medical treatment.

House passage of the \$28 million supplemental bill (unanimous vote)

- The supplemental request includes short-term funding to address immediate needs in the city, including bottled water, filters and testing kits.
 - The supplemental request will also include funds to address the most critical needs of Flint residents.
 - The Governor has asked to completely re-open the budget proposal the administration has been working on since last fall to assess all of the resources available to provide long-term support for the health of Flint residents.
- The health and safety of Flint residents remains a top priority. The Governor has worked closely with the Legislature to encourage quick passage of the supplemental to encourage immediate action.
- We look forward to the Senate taking action on this bill this week.

General High-level talking points

- There are people in the state of Michigan that can't drink their water, and that is unacceptable to all of us. As Governor, Rick Snyder has taken responsibility, taken emergency response measures and is committed to dedicate all the resources needed to make this right for the people of Flint.
- The top priority for Governor Snyder and his administration is ensuring every Flint resident has access to clean, safe drinking water. We are committed to providing affected children and families access to medical and educational resources to ensure long-term care and treatment.
- The Flint water crisis has been a systemic failure of government at all levels: from the city of Flint, the state of Michigan, the civil servant scientists and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- The Governor has held himself and his government accountable. The Governor replaced the leadership of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and has taken disciplinary measures on the staff and civil servant scientists responsible for the crisis. Actions have been taken to ensure a new and capable team is overseeing Flint water and creating a department culture focused on the health and safety of Michigan residents. Two DEQ officials involved in the testing of Flint water have been suspended pending an investigation, in accordance with civil service rules.
- The Governor has asked to completely re-open the budget proposal the administration has been working on since last fall to assess all of the resources available to provide long-term support to the health of Flint residents. In addition, the supplemental budget request will provide funds to the city to help alleviate the need for utility shutoffs.
- Governor Snyder and his administration are committed to working in partnership with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, independent experts, and the federal government to ensure both short-term and long-term solutions.

Resources distributed (as of 1/25/2016):

- 176,118 cases of water
- 93,048 filters
- 29,320 testing kits
- 198,552 filter cartridges

Homes visited by Flint Water Response Teams (as of 1/24/16): 37,844

For more information, visit www.mi.gov/flintwater or www.helpforflint.com.

AT A GLANCE: Flint Action Timeline: For the 2006 – Jan. 16, 2016 Timeline click here

- **Sept. 28, 2015:** For the first time, DEQ and DHHS directors briefed the governor on the potential scope and magnitude of the lead issue. They begin discussion on what actions should be taken if the concerns raised by outside researchers were to be verified.
- **Oct. 1, 2015:** DHHS director informed the governor that his epidemiologists reviewed the data and confirmed Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha's conclusions that blood lead levels in children were elevated – due to an association with lead contaminated water in certain ZIP codes.
- **October 2, 2015:** Governor releases 10-point Plan to address water systems, designates \$1 million for water filters and anticorrosion treatment. This action was taken with 24 hours of DHHS confirmation that there was lead present in Flint's drinking water. [The 10-Point Plan is available here.](#)
- **Oct. 8, 2015:** Governor announces plan to reconnect to Detroit water.