

Referring to the the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program

Physicians may refer pregnant women and/or infants by calling Baltimore HealthCare Access at 410-649-0526 or by faxing a Prenatal Risk Assessment Form, Infant ID or Self-Referral Form to 1-888-657-8712. Criteria for referral are listed below.

Pregnant Women (at least one required)

- ★ A fetal or infant loss (fetal loss is 20 weeks or greater)
- ★ A history of two poor preterm birth outcomes
- ★ STD during current pregnancy (including HIV)
- ★ Two or more consecutively missed prenatal visits
- ★ Diabetes
- ★ Five or more pregnancies plus substance abuse
- ★ Multiple gestation
- ★ Age equal to or less than 15 years
- ★ Previous substantiated child abuse/neglect (open CPS case)
- ★ Hypertension
- ★ Domestic Violence

Infants

- ★ Very Low Birth Weight (1500 grams - 3lbs 4oz) plus one of the maternal risk factors above
- ★ Positive toxicology screens
- ★ Two or more consecutively missed pediatric appointments



Maternal and Child Health Liaison

The MCH Liaison works directly with non-traditional sites such as emergency rooms and drug treatment programs to identify pregnant women who may qualify for case management services.

The MCH Liaison also provides assistance to Baltimore City OB providers in establishing protocols to refer pregnant women and infants in Baltimore City for outreach services and health insurance enrollment.

Providers may call BHCA for more information about how we can assist you and your patients.

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Maternal and Infant Health Improvement Program



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Baltimore HealthCare Access' Maternal and Infant Health Improvement Program (MIHIP) began in 2004 to help address Baltimore City's troubling infant mortality trend. The project serves as the single point for referrals to the Baltimore City Health Department's **Maternal and Infant Nursing Program**.

Both programs reach out to our most at-risk pregnant women and their babies providing them with critical community based resources. And both share the same goal - **Healthy Moms... Healthy Babies.**

Health providers may refer pregnant women or infants for nursing services by calling Baltimore HealthCare Access (BHCA) at 410-649-0526 or by faxing a Pre-Natal Risk Assessment/Infant ID Form to 1-888-657-8712. Those women or infants who meet criteria (see reverse) are referred directly to the Maternal and Infant Nursing Program for intensive case management.

MIHIP Family Advocates

BHCA's involvement doesn't end with triage. Even if a pregnant woman and/or her baby do not meet the criteria for case management, our Family Advocates outreach the pregnant/postpartum woman via telephone or home visit, usually within ten business days.

Our Family Advocates know the Baltimore community and provide a variety of resource information and referrals including WIC, car seats, **Back to Sleep**, the **Infants and Toddlers Program**, parenting resources, and more.

Families are also educated on navigating the **Medicaid/Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) HealthChoice** system as well as family planning benefits. Referrals may also be made to other community home visiting programs including **Healthy Start and Success by 6.**



For more information or to make a referral please call 410-649-0526.