

FORM 14
LIST OF MCH PRIORITY NEEDS
[Sec. 505(a)(1)]

STATE: [California](#)

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Your State's 5-year Needs Assessment should identify the need for preventive and primary care services for pregnant women, mothers, and infants; preventive and primary care services for children; and services for Children with Special Health Care Needs. With each year's Block Grant application provide a list, (whether or not the priority needs change) of the top maternal and child health needs in your State. Using a simple sentence or phrase, list below your State's needs. Examples of such statements are: "To reduce the barriers to the delivery of care for pregnant women," and "The infant mortality rate for minorities should be reduced."

MCHB will capture annually every State's top 7 to 10 priority needs in an information system for comparison, tracking, and reporting purposes; you must list at least 7 and no more than 10. Note that the numbers list below is for computer tracking only and is not meant to indicate a priority order.

1. Modify the CCS program, with appropriate funding, to cover the whole child.
2. Expand the number of qualified providers of all types in the CCS program.
3. CCS will work with appropriate partners to define and create and implement standards for Medical Homes for CCS children.
4. Improve maternal health by optimizing the health and well-being of girls and women across the life course.
5. Promote healthy nutrition and physical activity among MCAH populations throughout the lifespan beginning with exclusive breastfeeding of infants to six months of age.
6. Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality and the increasing disparity in maternal health outcomes.
7. Reduce infant mortality and address disparities by promoting preconception health and health care and by preventing causes such as birth defects, low birth weight/prematurity, SIDS, and maternal complications in pregnancy.
8. Support the physical, socio-emotional, and cognitive development of children, including the prevention of injuries, through the implementation of prevention, early identification and intervention strategies.
9. Promote positive youth development strategies to support the physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health of adolescents.
10. Link the MCAH population to needed medical, mental, social, dental, and community services to promote equity in access to quality services.