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TO: MCAH DIRECTORS  
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SUBJECT: BLACK INFANT HEALTH PROGRAM DATA SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS  
AND UPDATE, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2011  
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The purpose of this letter is to prepare Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ) for the release of the MCAH Management Information System (MIS) that will be used as a data collection and reporting tool for the revised Black Infant Health (BIH) Program. The MCAH MIS is planned to be released during summer 2011 as a centralized database to be accessed online using an internet browser. Each LHJ will need to meet technical requirements for the data system to operate properly.

Initial access to the data system will require runtime support software (Microsoft.NET Framework V4.0 and Silverlight 4.0) on local personal computers. Personal computer users will need administrative rights to install these updates. If individual personal computer users do not have the ability to install software to their work station, MCAH Directors and BIH Coordinators are requested to consult with their local Information Technology (IT) personnel to arrange this installation.

Technical requirements required for the new MCAH MIS include:

Software installation:	Microsoft.NET Framework V4.0 and Silverlight 4.0
Internet connection:	Standard DSL or better
Computer specifications:	2GHz+ CPU, 2GB+ RAM, 1024 X 768 or better display
Operating system:	Windows XP or higher
Browser:	Internet Explorer 7.0 +

Branagh Information Group (BIG) is contracted by MCAH to provide Help Desk support for the MCAH MIS. BIG will communicate with each LHJ to determine which sites meet the requirements and which sites may need assistance. BIG will work with each LHJ to ensure readiness for the MCAH MIS. If you or your IT support team have questions about these technical requirements, please contact BIG at phone number 707-895-2510, e-mail address [BIHHelpDesk@BIHLocalSupport.com](mailto:BIHHelpDesk@BIHLocalSupport.com), or web site [www.bihlocalsupport.com](http://www.bihlocalsupport.com).

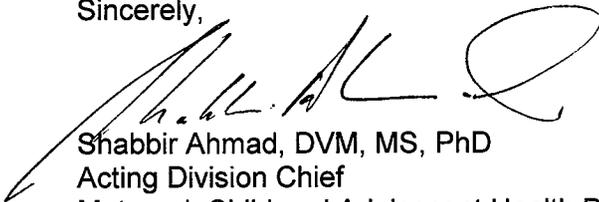
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Additional information about the MCAH MIS, including trainings for MIS users, will be made available as soon as possible by MCAH prior to full implementation of the new data system.

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Thank you for your commitment and continued efforts on behalf of the BIH population.

Sincerely,



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