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TO: MATERNAL, CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH (MCAH), CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING PROGRAM (CHVP) DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS, NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (NFP) NURSE SUPERVISORS, AND HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA (HFA) PROGRAM MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: REVISED CHVP TOOLS AND TRAININGS FOR NFP AND HFA SITES
 CHVP PROGRAM POLICY ALERT LETTER # 2016/17-01

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to inform CHVP NFP and HFA sites of the changes to the required screening and assessment tools and associated trainings under the Scope of Work's Goal 3: Monitor federal benchmark measures to show improvement in maternal and early childhood: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/funding/mcah/Documents/MO-MCAHCHVPSOWFY201617FINAL.doc> (see page 8).

Background

Changes to the tools and training for NFP and HFA CHVP sites evolved as a result of the redesign of the Federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program's benchmark construct reporting system whose purpose was to simplify, standardize, and strengthen the measures reported. The following table summarizes the changes.

Added new constructs	Preterm Birth, Postpartum Care, Safe Sleep, Behavioral Concerns, Continuity of Insurance, Completed Depression and Developmental Referrals
Revised existing constructs	Breastfeeding, Depression, Tobacco Use, Well-Child Visits, Child Emergency Department Visits, Education
Removed constructs	Prenatal Care, Preconception Care, Inter-Birth Interval, Maternal Emergency Department Visits, Suspected Maltreatment, Parent Emotional Well-Being, Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Safety Plan, Arrests, Convictions, Income



Action

As of October 1, 2016, the following noted changes and clarifications to CHVP tool requirements will supersede the current directive:

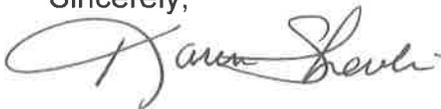
HFA Required	HFA sites will continue using the Women's Experience with Battering (WEB) scale.	NEW! The Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO) tool.	Either the PHQ-9 Patient Health Questionnaire <u>or</u> the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) <u>or</u> both may be used.
NFP Required	NEW! NFP sites will use the Hurt, Insulted, Threatened with Harm and Screamed (HITS) tool.	Either the PHQ-9 Patient Health Questionnaire <u>or</u> the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) <u>or</u> both may be used.	
NFP and HFA Optional (no longer required by CHVP)	Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (H.O.M.E.) Inventory.	The ASQ:SE or ASQ:SE-2 Ages and Stages Questionnaire Social/Emotional.	

For details on these changes, please review the CHVP Tools and Trainings located on the CHVP website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/mcah/Pages/HVP-HomePage.aspx> . Under **Trainings**, click on "HFA and NFP Trainings" and note the tool, purpose, type of training available, model and materials and registration. CHVP sites are responsible for training and preparing their home visiting staff to use these tools by October 1st 2016, when the redesign of the benchmark requirements takes effect.

Questions

If you have questions regarding these updates, please contact your CHVP program consultant.

Sincerely,



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