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NETWORK *Notification*

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To: Michigan Medicaid Providers
From: HAP CareSource
Subject: Best Practices: Prenatal HIV, STI, HBsAg and Group B Strep Testing

Summary
The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Pregnancy Management Measures promotes universal, opt-out prenatal testing to support early identification of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and Group B Streptococcus (GBS).

Impact
Providers can improve maternal and infant outcomes by incorporating universal, opt-out prenatal testing into routine workflows for all pregnant patients. Routine screening and timely follow-up help providers identify infections earlier in pregnancy and reduce risks for both pregnant patients and infants.

Pregnancy Management Measures Recommended Testing Time Frames

HIV: First or second trimester with third trimester repeat

Chlamydia: Patients under the age of 25 and others as clinically indicated

Syphilis: First or second trimester with third trimester repeat

HBsAg: First or second trimester with third trimester repeat

Group B Strep: During late pregnancy

Gonorrhea: Patients under the age of 25 and others as clinically indicated

Importance
Routine prenatal screening helps ensure that all pregnant patients receive consistent, non-biased care throughout pregnancy.

- Using **opt-out** testing language helps normalize screening and reinforces that HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STI), HBsAg and GBS testing are routine components of care, such as “these screenings are a standard part of prenatal care and are recommended for all pregnant patients.”
- Universal screening helps **reduce missed testing opportunities** that may occur when screening decisions rely solely on assumptions about a patient’s relationship status, perceived risk or likelihood of exposure.

- **Implement standing orders** or EHR best-practice prompts for first prenatal visit and third trimester repeat testing.
- HIV screening can serve as an entry point for prevention discussions, including **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)** for patients who may be at ongoing risk of HIV acquisition during pregnancy. PrEP is a **safe and effective HIV prevention option** that may be appropriate for certain pregnant individuals and those planning pregnancy.
- Patients with a positive HIV test should be linked to specialty care and support services. The **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program** provides access to medical care, medications, case management, and supportive services to individuals living with HIV, including pregnant members, new mothers, and infants. Early linkage to care improves maternal health outcomes and helps reduce the risk of perinatal transmission.

24/7 Free HIV/STI Provider Consult Line – (313) 575-0332

The Provider Consult Program is a partnership between MDHHS and Henry Ford Hospital. You do not need to be a Henry Ford affiliated provider to utilize the hotline. The hotline is designed as an approachable option for providers, regardless of specialty or area of expertise, to receive recommendations related to diagnosis and treatment, drug interactions, perinatal treatment and more.

Additional Resources

- MDHHS Perinatal HIV and STI Guidance
- Michigan 211 HIV/STI Services
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Questions?
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