The Michigan League for Public Policy is a nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to economic opportunity for all. It is the only state-level organization that addresses poverty in a comprehensive way and analyzes the impact of state and federal budgets and policies on residents with low incomes. All of the League’s work is done through a racial equity lens.

The League has been working for more than 100 years on the issues you care about:

- Empowering Families with Young Children
- Promoting Skills for the New Economy
- Creating Work and Economic Opportunity for All
- Strengthening Healthy Kids and Families
- Advocating for Strong Revenues and Smart Investments
League Policy Areas

- Budget & Tax
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REFRAME AND RECLAIM:
Addressing racial equity through asset framing

The League is proud to welcome Trabian Shorter as our keynote speaker.
Mr. Shorter is the leading authority on an award-winning approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion called Asset Framing, which calls for defining people by their aspirations and contributions, not by the negative circumstances they may face.

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- **Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities**
  - Implicit bias training requirement for licensed health care workers

- **Protect Michigan Commission**

  “As a result of the work, the average number of new cases for Black residents dropped from 176 per million population per day in March 2020 to 59 per million population per day in October 2020, and disparities in case rates among Hispanic or Latino Michiganders also narrowed.”

*A Case Study Of The Michigan Coronavirus Task Force On Racial Disparities, National Governors Association, Feb 2021*
Maternal and Child Health Investments

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is proud to support the Mother Infant Health & Equity Improvement Plan (MIHEIP). The plan outlines Michigan’s commitment to improving maternal and infant health. During the last year, many successes have improved the lives of mothers, infants, and families in Michigan. Maternal infant health stakeholders work on expansive and diverse efforts statewide. Therefore, it is not possible to capture every achievement. This update is intended to highlight successes and acknowledge the invaluable commitment of stakeholders. Together we can achieve the vision of zero preventable deaths and zero health disparities.

Concept Paper: Section 1115 Demonstration Medicaid Postpartum Eligibility Extension to 12-months Continuous Coverage

1. Program Description

1.1. Summary of the Request

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is seeking a five-year Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to extend the Medicaid postpartum eligibility period of pregnant individuals from 60 days to 12 months. Pursuant to the authority granted by Michigan Public Act 166 of 2020, MDHHS is pursuing this waiver to extend postpartum eligibility to increase access to necessary medical and behavioral health care services and to ensure appropriate continuity of care during this important time. Extending eligibility will also support program efforts of promoting family stabilization by providing access to important services that address social determinants of health (SDOH). Safeguarding access to high quality health care services is a critical component of statewide efforts in addressing maternal morbidity and mortality rates in Michigan.

Column: Broadening postpartum coverage could boost maternal health

By Amber Bellazaire - August 27, 2020
Key Lessons

● Share data

● Prioritize the role of community in setting a policy agenda

● Outreach but make it personal