

# Changes to the National Healthy Start Performance Measures

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# **New Data Collected by Healthy Start in MCHB's Discretionary Grant Information System (DGIS)**

An Introduction to new Healthy Start PMs and  
Revisions to the Healthy Start Data Collection Form

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- Presenter: Christopher Dykton
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## DGIS Forms and Measures

- New DGIS OMB Approved Set of Forms and Performance Measures – October 2009
- Some forms and measures have been revised
- Some measures have been retired
- New measures have been added
- DGIS is being enhanced and built to collect new data



# DGIS Transition Process

- This year will be a year of transition from old package to the new one
- Form and performance measure assignments are being finalized
  - Once final, new measure detail sheets will be sent to you by your project officer
  - More process measures have been added
  - New Healthy Start performance measures and data have been added – this will be the focus of today's discussion
- Data collection process is being finalized. Draft plan:
  - Enter your final reporting year 2009 data at the time of your project period end performance report (Feb 1 starts) or performance report (June 1 starts)
  - There will be no preliminary reporting year 2010 data collection in DGIS at the time of your FY 2011 NCC
  - Final reporting year 2010 data will be collected in FY2011 during your performance report



## Overview of New Healthy Start Data

- PM38, The percentage of completed referrals among women in MCHB-funded programs
- PM 39, The percentage of women participating in MCHB-funded programs who smoke in the last three months of pregnancy.
- PM 81, The percent of program participant mothers who breastfeed their infants at 6 months of age
- Maternal Mortality Data on the Healthy Start Form



# New Healthy Start Performance Measure

- PM38, The percentage of completed referrals among women in MCHB-funded programs
  - Numerator: Number of referrals to health and other supportive services made by MCHB-funded programs that are completed
  - Denominator: Number of referrals to health and other supportive services made by MCHB-funded programs
- Companion measure to PM 21, The percentage of women participating in MCHB-funded programs who have a completed referral, among those women who receive a referral
- Focus on referrals, rather than women
- Standard percentage-based measure



# New Healthy Start Performance Measure

- PM39, The percentage of women participating in MCHB-funded programs who smoke in the last three months of pregnancy.
  - Numerator: Number of MCHB-funded program participants who smoked during the last three months of pregnancy.
  - Denominator: Number of MCHB-funded program participants who are pregnant at any time during the reporting period.
- Companion to the National Performance Measure 15 for the Title V Block Grant which is focused on State-wide data on smoking during the last three months of pregnancy
- Standard percentage-based measure



# New Healthy Start Performance Measure

- PM81, The percent of program participant mothers who breastfeed their infants at 6 months of age.
  - Numerator: Number of program participant mothers who indicate that breast milk is at least one of the types of food their infant is fed at 6 months of age.
  - Denominator: Number of program participant mothers with infants at 6 months of age.
- Companion to the National Performance Measure 11 in the Title V Block Grant which is focused on State-wide data on breastfeeding at 6 months
- Standard percentage-based measure



## New Healthy Start Data

- Maternal Mortality Data
- Collected on the revised Healthy Start Form
  - Total Number of deaths of program participants attributed to maternal conditions and complications of pregnancy and childbirth during pregnancy, childbirth and up to 42 days after delivery.
  - Total Number of deaths of program participants attributed to maternal conditions and complications of pregnancy and from 43 days to one year after delivery.
- Collects these data by race and ethnicity



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