

LARC Access Ohio
June 18, 2020
Virtual Learning Exchange
Record of Learning

Purpose

To improve awareness of and access to effective contraceptive methods for Ohioans as a priority to enhance infant vitality and women’s health.

Featured Topics

1. Telemedicine and the Pandemic: Caring for Pregnant and Post-Partum Mothers, *Rebecca Brown, Good Samaritan Hospital*
 - Good Samaritan adjusted care after the pandemic hit:
 - Telephone intakes for <11 weeks (*now <8wks*)
 - Telephone visit for 24, 30, 34-week appointments
 - In-person for weeks 11-13, 20, 28, 32, and weekly >36w
 - Adjusted screenings/testing
 - All elective procedures cancelled: Colpo, LARCs, BTL (*Resumed*)
 - All groups, classes cancelled (*resuming 7/6*)

There have been positive and negative effects:

<p>Positive Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepened sense of connection and trust • Overall No Show Rate from 43% to 17% • Innovative points of contact and communication • Enhanced triaging • Decreased stress for patients • Saved transportation costs • Patient satisfaction • Increased engagement for visits • Allowed staff to work from home • Decreased traffic for spread of virus • Increased frequency of contact for patients in HOPE program • 100% postpartum visit attendance 	<p>Negative Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of face to face assessment • Limitations with connection to patients • Cannot be used universally • Forced staffing adjustments • Limited contraception options • Patients with connectivity issues • Reimbursement • Timeliness of visits and obstacles to process
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Find the [slide deck online here.](#)

Participant Updates

Please visit the [Google Sheet Action Plan](#) to view the updates that were shared during the April meeting; you are welcome to edit directly into the sheet. The red cells need to be updated. **Please take a few minutes to review and if needed, update your organization's work.**

- Check out Hope Lane's article about giving birth during COVID-19 [here](#).
- Save the Dates! The Center for Community Solutions is holding a virtual three-day advocacy training this fall on Nov. 6, 13 and 20. More to come so stay tuned!

State Policy Updates

Below is a brief overview of legislation pertaining to women's reproductive health introduced as of June 12, 2020 by members of both the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate of the 133rd General Assembly which began on January 1, 2019 and goes through December 31, 2020. While every bill is not directly related to LARC or contraceptives generally, we provided some additional bills we thought folks may be interested in given their work in public health excluding any abortion related legislation.

This is an updated version of the policy update from April, new bills and changes are red in color.

House Bill 11 – *Introduced by Representatives Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville) and Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland)*

- Requires health plans (including state employee health care benefits, and Medicaid) to cover certain tobacco cessation and medication services
- Requires ODH to establish a grant program for group-based prenatal health care services to pregnant Medicaid recipients residing in areas of the state with high preterm birth rates
- Requires ODM to establish a dental program under which Medicaid recipients may receive two dental cleanings a year
- Requires ODH to develop educational materials concerning lead-based paint and to distribute the materials to families that participate in the Help Me Grow Program and reside in homes built before 1979
- **Awaiting the Governor's Signature**

House Bill 40 – *Introduced by Representatives Thomas West (D-Canton) and Tavia Galonski (D-Akron)*

- Requires anyone who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman to test her for HIV, syphilis and gonorrhea at certain times during the pregnancy
- Specifies that a pregnant woman may refuse testing

Participants

- Columbus Public Health: Jo Taylor
- CelebrateOne: Priyam Chokshi
- Cincinnati Public Health: Anthony Nixon, Maria Morton, Marianna DiNapoli
- Cradle Cincinnati: Jessica Seeberger, Lisa Hong
- Ohio Association of Community Health Centers: Dana Vallangeon
- Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center: Michelle Menegay
- Ohio Department of Health: Katherine Dean
- Ohio Department of Medicaid: Traci Bell-Thomas
- The Center for Community Solutions: Tara Britton, Hope Lane
- March of Dimes: Lisa Holloway
- Youngstown Public Health: Erin Bishop
- Facilitator: Lauren Sogor, Advocacy & Communication Solutions

- **Currently in the House Health Committee where it received its last hearing (opponent) on 11/19/2019. Note – ACOG are opponents**

House Bill 184 – *Introduced by Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan (D-Youngstown)*

- Addresses health insurance coverage of contraceptives
 - Prohibits any health insurer that covers prescription drugs from excluding or limiting coverage of prescription contraceptives
 - Prohibits a health insurer from imposing a PA requirement for a prescription FDA-approved IUD or implantable rod
 - Requires insurers to provide coverage for dispensing a 6-month supply of a contraceptive drug or device
- Access to contraceptives in pharmacies
 - Requires a pharmacy that stocks contraceptives to ensure they are available without delay
 - Requires the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules to specify a protocol under which pharmacists may dispense contraceptive patches and birth control pills without a prescription
- Sexual health education
- Creates an Ohio Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force
- Establishes a standard of care for victims of sexual offenses
- **Assigned to House Health Committee where the first and only hearing was on 9/10/2019**

House Bill 435 – *Introduced by Representative Erica Crawley (D-Columbus)*

- Establishes the “Save Our Mothers Act” for the purpose of establishing continuing education requirements for birthing facility personnel and an initiative to improve birth equity, reduce peripartum racial and ethnic disparities and address implicit bias in the healthcare system
- **Referred to the House Health Committee, no hearing yet**

House Bill 554 – *Introduced by Representatives Susan Manchester (R-Waynesfield) and Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus)*

- Authorize a pregnant minor to consent to receive health care to maintain or improve her life or the life of the unborn child she is carrying
- **Referred to the House Health Committee, no hearing yet**

House Bill 611 – *Introduced by Representatives Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo) and Erica Crawley (D-Columbus)*

- Requires the Medicaid program to cover doula services provided by a doula with a valid provider agreement who is certified by a doula certification organization and meets other training and experience requirements
- Requires the Medicaid Director to establish a state doula registry
- **Assigned to the House Insurance Committee where it’s received two hearings, last one being a proponent hearing on 6/9/2020**

Senate Bill 18 – *Introduced by Senators Nicki Antonio (D-Lakewood) and Peggy Lehner (R-Dayton)*

- Generally prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant inmates during pregnancy, hospital transport, labor, delivery or postpartum recovery.
- **Passed the Ohio Senate on 11/13/2019 by 31-0, currently awaiting action by the Ohio House**

Senate Bill 121 – *Introduced by Senators Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) and Stephanie Kunze (R-Columbus)*

- Requires the State Board of Education to develop and adopt health education standards for grades K-12 health education
- **Currently being heard in the Senate Education Committee, last hearing was 6/9/2020**

Senate Bill 260 – *Introduced by Senator Stephen Huffman (R-Dayton)*

- Prohibits pregnant women from receiving abortion-inducing drugs via telehealth. ***Included because unsure if this will be expanded and amended to include birth control as the bill continues forward**
- **Passed the Ohio Senate 20-9 on 3/4/2020, awaiting action from the Ohio House**

Up Next

- The next LARC Access Ohio meeting will be September 17, 2020 on Zoom.

Thank you to our supporters!

