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## **Survey to Identify Substance Use Screening and Referral Practices for Pregnant and Postpartum Women**

### **Background:**

HHSC is participating in the National Academy of State Health Policy (NASHP) Maternal Child Health Policy Innovation Program, a two-year program to identify, promote, and advance innovative state-level policy initiatives to improve access to care for low income pregnant and parenting women with or at risk of substance use disorder through health care delivery system transformation.

### **Key Details:**

HHSC is seeking provider input to gain a better understanding of the current landscape for substance use identification, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and referral practices for pregnant and postpartum women enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP (including CHIP Perinatal), and the Healthy Texas Women Program. HHSC's goal is to support integration of behavioral health care into health care settings where individuals first initiate care (i.e., obstetric practice, primary care, and emergency department), with a focus on enhanced screening and referrals to treatment for pregnant and parenting women with a SUD.

Responses to the survey will assist HHSC in developing better training and communication around SUD identification, existing treatment benefits, as well as referral and intervention processes, and analyzing whether policy changes are needed.

### **Action:**

MCOs should share the survey with primary care providers, emergency providers, and other providers who serve pregnant or postpartum women.

The survey can be found here and is **available until Aug. 31**.

### **Resource:**

NASHP Provider Survey

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**Type:** Action Required

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**From:** Policy