

# BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

## THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION CALLS FOR FUNDING CENTERED ON THE HEALTH OF MICHIGAN FAMILIES, INCLUDING:

- \$360 million for a direct care wage increase to permanently maintain the \$2/hour wage increase for direct care workers.
- \$38 million for a one-time nursing home COVID supplemental payment to address lost revenue from reduced bed occupancy during the pandemic.
- \$91 million to improve access to and consistency of behavioral health for Medicaid enrollees and those served through the child welfare system.
- \$26.5 million for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Pilot to provide integrated behavioral health services to adults in the state.
- \$7.4 million to expand the Infant Home Visiting program for evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk families with infants born with substance exposure.
- \$3.5 million for cross enrollment expansion to improve technology and communication tools to better identify and enroll individuals needing support and services.
- \$19 million for the MiChoice program expansion to provide alternatives to nursing home care by increasing slots for Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver services (increase of 1,000 slots).
- \$6.7 million for the Sickle Cell Disease Initiative to expand treatment coverage to around 400 adults and increase outreach and clinical capacity supporting the estimated 4,000 Michigan residents living with sickle cell disease, which disproportionately affects Black people.
- \$8.4 million to reduce health disparities and expand the use of community-based navigators to enhance access to health coverage, and improve screening, data sharing and interoperability of existing data systems through the Michigan Health Information Network.
- \$1.6 million for the Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office to promote racial equity and inclusion in DHHS-administered services.
- \$10 million one-time for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund to help eliminate lead poisoning in homes by injecting private capital into lead remediation efforts.
- \$5 million one-time for a pilot program to promote pre-weatherization construction, renovation, and repair services required to make single and multi-family structures eligible for energy efficiency or weatherization programs.
- \$15 million one-time for state psychiatric hospital special maintenance for capital improvements at all five of Michigan's psychiatric hospitals.