

TO: ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND WIC STATE PLAN

**FROM: Gloria Rodriguez, DSW
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Family Health Services**

DATE: May 16, 2012

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Tuesday, May 30, 2012
MCH BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND WIC STATE PLAN**

Available for your review on our New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website (<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/index.shtml>- in PDF format) is an electronic draft of the [Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Application Federal Fiscal Year 2013](#) and the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\) FFY 2013 State Strategic Plan](#). Prior to the application being finalized, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at the State House Annex, Conference Room 1, 1st Floor, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

The hearing will focus on the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, as required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, PL 101-239, Section 501 (A) (1) F (iii) p24 and the FFY 2013 WIC State Plan (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). Interested parties may provide testimony in writing or verbal testimony at the public hearing. Verbal testimony should not exceed 5 minutes in length and should be accompanied by eight written copies of the testimony. Those interested in testifying should contact Paul Bhalla at (609) 984-1384 by Wednesday, May 23, 2012 to arrange for a place on the testimony agenda.

Individuals not able to attend this hearing are encouraged to submit written comments by June 1, 2012 to: Paul Bhalla, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Family Health Services, MCH Services Program, P.O. Box 364, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0364.

Additional information about the public hearing, or a hard copy of the Maternal and Child Health Application can be obtained by contacting Paul Bhalla at (609) 984-1384. Information regarding the WIC State Plan can be obtained by contacting Ms. Lisa West at (609) 292-9560. If there is a need for sign language interpretation, please contact Paul Bhalla before May 23, 2012.