

## **Zika Resources**

Zika virus disease is a mosquito-borne illness. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are a mild fever, skin rashes, muscle and joint pain, and conjunctivitis. The virus can be spread from mother to child. Spread of the virus through blood transfusion and sexual contact has also been reported. Approximately 80% of people infected with the virus do not become ill. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and fatalities are rare.

### ***Webinar***

The Department of State Health Services has prepared a recorded webinar on the Zika Virus Disease by Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS Commissioner. The presentation includes information on Zika incidence, distribution of the disease, modes of transmission, strategies to prevent transmission, and symptoms. The webinar is available at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8161720267219366915>

HHSC asks that you share the link to the presentation to your staff and network providers.

### ***CMS Informational Bulletin***

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has released an information bulletin on Zika and Medicaid. It provides background on the virus, key services and benefits listed by prevention, detection, and treatment. You can download the bulletin at this link: <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib060116.pdf>

### ***Conference Call***

HHSC will hold a conference call on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss Zika with Dr. Lisa Cornelius. All Medicaid MCOs are invited to participate. Please review the notice below for additional information.