

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Safe Sleep- Recommendation 8

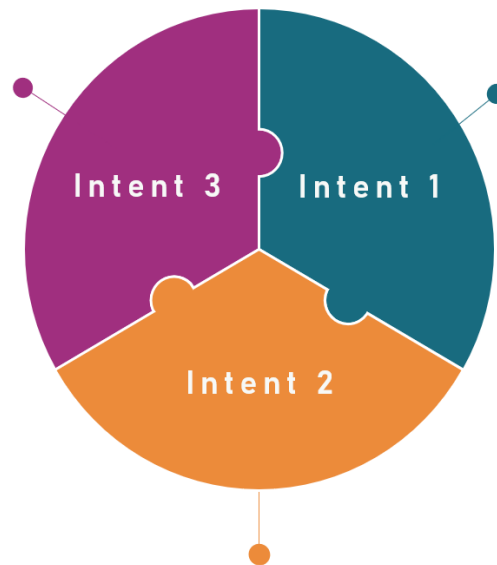
Recommendation Summary: Resource and implementation strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in all of Manitoba's First Nations communities.

Primary Public Body: Government of Canada

3. Consult with First Nations and Metis governments on the strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs

There are existing agreements on collaboration, however, no strategy for long-term expansion or consultation were referenced.

Outstanding Action: Consultations with Indigenous governments.



1. Fund a strategy to implement a long-term funding model that expands prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in Manitoba First Nation communities

Numerous multi-year investments have been made to fund prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in First Nations communities. While no specific strategy was referenced, there is evidence funding models are ongoing and have the possibility of expansion.

Outstanding Action: Evidence of the strategy is provided.

2. Implement a strategy to expand new and existing prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs to all First Nations communities in Manitoba

The Government of Canada is moving towards transferring control of health services with respect to design and delivery to First Nations communities, which offers opportunities for expansion in the creation and sustainability of programs.

Outstanding Action: Evidence of a strategy for expansion.

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There is no indication of a specific strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs. There is evidence, however, that the Government of Canada has committed to funding such programs over multiple years. There is also evidence that the Government of Canada works with Indigenous governments in the development of maternal health programs, and is committed to transferring control over the design and delivery of health and clinical services to First Nations.

Recommendation Compliance Summary

This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Safe and Sound: A Special Report on the Unexpected Sleep-Related Deaths of 145 Manitoba Infants
Date Released:	3/26/2020
Full Recommendation (including details)	<p>Recommendation Eight: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that the Government of Canada resource an implementation strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs, in consultation with First Nations and Metis Governments, into all of Manitoba’s First Nations communities.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration will be given to the expansion of existing programs such as the Strengthening Families Maternal Child Health Program. A long-term funding model will be developed to expand maternal and child health programs to all First Nations communities in Manitoba. <p>IMPACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All infants in Manitoba realize their inherent rights to the highest attainable standard of health by ensuring appropriate prenatal and postnatal care for mothers (UNCRC, Art. 24)
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>The intents of the recommendation are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fund a strategy to implement a long-term funding model that expands prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in Manitoba First Nation communities. 2. Implement a strategy to expand new and existing prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs to all First Nations communities in Manitoba. 3. Consult with First Nations and Metis governments on the strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs.
Issue:	Safe Sleep
Public Body	Government of Canada
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body	July 21, 2021 June 16, 2020
2. Compliance Determination	
Partially Compliant 0.50	The most important requirements have been met; certain deficiencies affect the adequacy of the implementation, but without resulting in a

	situation where the given recommendation has not been acted upon.
Self-Assessment	none
Previous Compliance Determination	NA
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	
<p>Intent 1: Fund a strategy to implement a long-term funding model that expands prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in Manitoba First Nation communities.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous multi-year investments have been made to fund prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs in First Nations communities. While no specific strategy was referenced, there is evidence funding models are ongoing and have the possibility of expansion. • If the investments referenced by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) are part of an existing national maternal child health strategy, evidence of the strategy is required. MACY will follow-up with ISC to request a copy of the current strategy, and once received, will analyze whether there is an indication within the strategy that programs can and will be expanded. <p>Intent 2: Implement the strategy to expand new and existing prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs to all First Nation communities in Manitoba.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of Canada is moving towards transferring control of health services with respect to design and delivery to First Nations communities. This transformation offers opportunities for expansion in the creation and sustainability of programs that are culturally-relevant, safe, and appropriate for Indigenous families. • No specific strategy was referenced, however ISC noted that there is a possibility to expand existing prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs on First Nations communities. <p>Intent 3: To consult with First Nations and Metis governments on the strategy.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of memoranda of understanding and collaborations were referenced, such as with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Keewatin Tribal Council, and Southern Chiefs Organization, on the topic of clinical care transformation, to transfer control to First Nations on the design and delivery of services, as well as the development of a joint pilot project on maternal child health and FASD. It is important to note that memoranda of understanding are simply agreements on collaboration and do not have specific dollar amounts attached to them. Furthermore, although these collaborations and memoranda of understanding may be informed/directed by an actual strategy, no strategy was specifically named. • The First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) and Health Directors shared with MACY in September 2021 that it is currently not aware of any consultation related to a strategy. • The June 2020 preliminary response update did not specifically refer to any consultation with First Nations governments on the development of a strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs. <p>Analysis Summary: There is no indication of a specific strategy to expand prenatal and postnatal maternal child health programs, however there is evidence that the Government of Canada has committed to funding such programs over multiple years. MACY will follow-up to see if evidence can</p>	

be provided, such as a copy of a strategy, to demonstrate the framework and plan within which these funding commitments have been made. There is also evidence that the Government of Canada works with Indigenous governments in the development of maternal health programs, and is committed to transferring control over the design and delivery of health and clinical services to First Nations, beginning with the signing of memoranda of understanding. In the absence of a specifically-named strategy and evidence of consultation with First Nations governments, and with no assurance that currently funded programs will indeed expand, efforts by the federal government are only partially compliant in implementing this recommendation. If a strategy is named and evidence is provided that shows that program expansion is intended, the determination can move to largely complaint.