

February 3, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR: Advisory Board of Health and Liz King, Health Officer
St. Clair County Health Department

FROM: Dr. Remington Nevin, Medical Director, St. Clair County Health Department

SUBJECT: Non-Renewal of MAPPP Membership

For several years, the St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has been paying annual renewal fees for ongoing membership of the SCCHD Medical Director in the Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians (MAPPP). MAPPP operates as an unofficial forum for Michigan's local health department (LHD) medical directors, affiliated with and hosted by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH).

According to IRS filings under EIN 38-2632455, for the most recent tax year for which records are available (Exhibit 1), MALPH had revenues of over \$1,000,000, and paid compensation of over \$300,000, including to its full-time director (Exhibit 2).

Recently, MAPPP formally endorsed several policy positions at odds with the recommendations of the St. Clair County Advisory Board of Health. In particular, MAPPP has taken public positions against vaccine choice, including against the new CDC vaccine schedule (Exhibit 3). MAPPP's parent organization, MALPH, has likewise failed to support vaccine choice, with its director framing SCCHD's actions as an outlier in public comments (Exhibit 4).

Annual renewal of membership in MAPPP is now due, at a cost of \$100 for regular physician membership, per the 2026 MAPPP Membership Form (Exhibit 5).

I recommend non-renewal of membership in MAPPP, and a review by the Advisory Board of Health of continued affiliation with its parent organization MALPH, and other organizations not fully supportive of vaccine choice.

Non-renewal of MAPPP membership, and a review of other affiliations with organizations not fully supportive of vaccine choice, would ensure that SCCHD resources and professional associations fully align with the Advisory Board's established commitment to parental choice and full, informed, and uncoerced consent in vaccination decisions.



Remington Nevin, MD, MPH, DrPH
Medical Director, St. Clair County Health Department

Enclosures as described



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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection**A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2023, and ending 09-30-2024**

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC
HEALTH

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)
2438 WOODLAKE CIRCLE SUITE 200

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
OKEMOS, MI 48864**D** Employer identification number

38-2632455

E Telephone number

(517) 485-0660

G Gross receipts \$ 1,064,056**F** Name and address of principal officer:NORM HESS
2438 WOODLAKE CIRCLE SUITE 200
OKEMOS, MI 48864**H(a)** Is this a group return for
subordinates? Yes No**H(b)** Are all subordinates
included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

H(c) Group exemption number**I** Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527**J Website:** WWW.MALPH.ORG**K** Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other**L** Year of formation: 1985**M** State of legal domicile: MI

Part I Summary	
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO STRENGTHEN MICHIGAN'S SYSTEM OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNING BOARDS.	
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/>	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 48
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 48
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5 4
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 24
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b 0
Activities & Governance	Prior Year
	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	797,818 857,101
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	161,311 206,214
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	181 741
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0 0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	959,310 1,064,056
Revenue	Prior Year
	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	161,510 170,389
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0 0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	313,480 329,839
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0 0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	16,862
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	393,688 628,799
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	868,678 1,129,027
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	90,632 -64,971
Expenses	Beginning of Current Year
	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	859,203 795,395
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	188,755 189,918
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	670,448 605,477
Net Assets or Fund Balances	



**The Michigan Association of
Preventive Medicine and Public
Health Physicians**



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Physicians Recommend AAP and AAFP Childhood Immunization Schedules Despite Federal Changes

Lansing, MI – The Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians (MAPPP) and the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) strongly disagree with the US Department of Health & Human Services decision to alter the US childhood immunization schedule. MAPPP and MSMS support the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) recommendation to follow the immunization schedules from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

“The evidence supporting immunizations in childhood has not changed and therefore recommendations should not change either. Vaccines remain the best defense against preventable infectious disease,” said Dr. William Nettleton of MAPPP.

No new data on safety or effectiveness informed the US DHHS’ decision. No substantive stakeholder input or impact assessment of potential harms from altering the childhood immunization schedule were conducted. The federal change to the immunization schedule only increases confusion and decreases trust in vaccines at a time when vaccine-preventable diseases are becoming more common. The United States benefits from an immunization schedule tailored towards its diverse population of 330 million people, unique disease profile, its financial resources and its often fragmented healthcare system.

For all these reasons, MAPPP and MSMS urge clinicians and parents to refer to the AAP and AAFP immunization schedules to inform vaccine decision-making.

The Michigan Association of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Physicians (MAPPP) is the professional society for local public health medical directors and preventive medicine physicians across Michigan.

The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) is a professional society representing physicians and medical students in Michigan.

In St. Clair County, Vaccine Waivers Just Got Easier

CLAIR COUNTY, Mich. (Michigan News Source) — Saying no to vaccines just got simpler in one Michigan county.

The St. Clair County Health Department announced on Jan. 23 that parents may now request nonmedical vaccine waivers at any time during normal business hours, ending the appointment requirement. The waiver is issued after parents review a brief educational handout, which the department says fulfills state rules.

County officials said the changes are intended to simplify the exemption process and shift it online, part of a broader effort to restore confidence in public health decisions.

In a January memo, county medical director Remington Nevin criticized state administrative hurdles, arguing they make it harder for parents to use exemptions already permitted under Michigan law.

"These administrative requirements, while presented as educational, often create significant inconvenience," Nevin wrote.

The department also updated its public messaging to remind families they may opt their children out of the state's immunization database, the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, and instead maintain paper vaccination records.

The move, however, appears to be unusual among Michigan health departments.

"I'm not seeing any other health department take this approach," Norm Hess of the Michigan Association for Public Health said.



**The Michigan Association of Preventive
Medicine and Public Health Physicians**

2026 Membership Form

Name:

Title:

Health Department/Organization:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Select your membership type:

Regular Physician Member (\$100)

Affiliate (non-physician) Member (\$100)

Resident/Student Member (\$10)

Retiree Member (\$25)

I am making an additional donation of \$_____

Regular and Affiliate Member payments can be made online at https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_8003. If paying online, please email your completed membership form to Karla Cody (karlac@msu.edu)

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