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Access to Care Concerns in Howard County:

- HC (64.5%) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\geq 64.6\%$) for **children receiving dental care in the last year**; specifically among African American (61.9%) and White (55.7%) populations (Source: MD Medicaid Service Utilization).
- HC (45.9%) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\geq 49.1\%$) for **annual seasonal influenza vaccination for adults**; specifically among African American (42.4%) and Hispanic adults (48.3%) (Source: MD DHMH Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System-BRFSS).
- HC (85.7%) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\geq 83.9\%$) for **persons with a usual primary care provider** among African American (78.5%) and Hispanics (74.5%) in the county and a downward trend is evident among African Americans. (Source: MD DHMH BRFSS)
- HC (8.0%) met SHIP goal for **uninsured ED visits** in 2015 ($\leq 14.7\%$) and is ranked 15th in Maryland (Source: Source: MD Health Services Cost Review Commission-HSCRC). Hispanic adults in HC are less likely to have health insurance and more likely to report a time within the last 12 months they needed to go to the ER because they could not get an appointment (Source: 2016 Howard County Health Assessment Survey- HCHAS).

Behavioral Health Concerns in Howard County:

- HC (655) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($< 445/100,000$) for **Domestic Violence** and is ranked 20th in the State of Maryland. (Source: MD Uniform Crime Reporting Program).
- HC (615.1) meets SHIP goal ($< 1400.9/100,000$) for **ED visits for addictions-related conditions** and is ranked 1st in state (Source: MD HSCRC); however, between 2008 and 2014, the number of Howard County residents who sought treatment in emergency departments for drug and alcohol related problems increased 55% (Source: MD HSCRC).
- HC (2613.8) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($< 3152.6/100,000$) for **ED visits related to mental health conditions** among African Americans (3223.3) in the county (Source: MD HSCRC).
- HC (7.8) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($< 9.0/100,000$) for **suicide rates** among Whites (9.6) and males (10.6) in the county (Source: MD DHMH Vital Statistics Administration).

Healthy Aging Concerns in Howard County:

- HC (102.1) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 186.3/100,000$) for **ED visits due to Diabetes** among African Americans (249.4) in the county (Source: MD HSCRC) and 11% of African Americans surveyed in the HCHAS were told by a health professional that they have pre- or borderline diabetes (Source 2016 HCHAS).
- HC (112.1) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 234/100,000$) for **ED visits due to Hypertension** among African Americans (304.2) in the county (Source: MD HSCRC) and 34% of African Americans surveyed in the HCHAS were told by a health professional that they have high blood pressure (Source: 2016 HCHAS).
- HC (183.2) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 199.4/100,000$) for **hospitalization rate due to Alzheimer's or other dementias** among African Americans (262.3) in the county (MD HSCRC).
- HC (7.1) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 7.7/100,000$) for **fall-related death rates** among Whites (8.0) in the county (MD DHMH Vital Statistics Administration).

Healthy Weight Concerns in Howard County:

- HC (50.7%) is barely meeting the SHIP goal ($\geq 50.4%$) for **increasing physical activity** and is not meeting the SHIP goal among Hispanics (31.1%) and females (46.7%) in the county. HC is ranked 8th in Maryland for this SHIP measure (Source: MD BRFSS).
- HC (7.5%) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 10.7%$) for **adolescents who have obesity** among African Americans (12.5%) in the county and barely met the goal for males (10.5%). The number of adolescents who have obesity is trending upward (up from 5.9% in 2013) (Source: MD BRFSS).
- HC (36.7%) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\geq 36.6%$) for **adults who are not overweight or obese** among African Americans (15.8%) in the county (Source: MD BRFSS) and 32% of all those surveyed in the HCHAS were advised by a doctor in the last 5 years to lose weight (Source: 2016 HCHAS).
- HC (35.8) is not meeting the SHIP goal ($\leq 62.5/100,000$) for **ED visit rate due to Asthma** among African Americans (86.5) in the county (Source: MD HSCRC) and 20% of those surveyed in the HCHAS had a child in the household had asthma (2016 HCHAS).