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Empowering a Healthy Mississippi – State’s Largest Health Conference Returns June 2025

*Attendee, Sponsor and Exhibitor Registrations Now Open
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FLOWOOD, Miss. (March 18, 2025)—The **2025 Healthy MS Conference** (Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference—ECHMC), Mississippi’s largest conference on health, will be held June 4-6, 2025, in Flowood.

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) and Mississippi Health Disparities (MHD) host the event every other year, bringing together more than 300 healthcare professionals, scientists, educators and community stakeholders. The main objective is to drive innovative, community-based solutions that benefit the health and well-being of all Mississippians.

"We're dedicated to driving meaningful change in public health by equipping individuals and organizations with the resources and expertise they need to make a difference," said State Health Officer Dr. Daniel Edney. "This conference is a hub for innovative ideas and community-driven solutions that will shape the future of healthcare in Mississippi."



Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer
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Open to the public as well as any health-related professional, the 2025 ECHMC will feature keynote speakers, interactive presentations and breakout sessions addressing critical issues such as chronic disease prevention and management, maternal and child health, mental health and wellness, healthcare access and policy development. With Mississippi continuing to rank 49th in overall health nationwide, this conference serves as a vital platform for collaboration and action to improve health outcomes through practical, real-world solutions.

"This is more than just an event—it's a dedicated effort to expand healthcare access, tackle critical challenges, and drive meaningful change for communities across our state," said MHD Conference Chair Dr. Jennifer L. Lemacks, Associate Dean for Research and Professor for the College of Nursing and Health Professions at The University of Southern Mississippi (USM).

"By bringing together experts and community leaders, we are fostering collaboration to develop lasting solutions that target the root causes of health disparities, increase access to care, and improve the well-being of all Mississippians. Our goal is to create long-standing relationships for lasting impact."

Attendees will gain valuable insights from industry experts, explore the latest research, and participate in hands-on workshops. The goal is to energize everyone with new information to take back to their communities and professional environments. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will also be available for specialized healthcare tracks, including nursing and social work.



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Event Registration and Sponsor/Exhibitor Opportunities



The 2025 ECHMC and preconference will be held at the Sheraton Refuge Conference Center in Flowood, MS, from June 4 to June 6, 2025, following the Mississippi Community Health Workers Association Summit on June 3.

Registration is now open online at HealthyMSConference.com, where you can find details on hotel accommodations, sponsorship packages and exhibitor opportunities. Organizations looking to expand their

reach, engage with healthcare leaders and support public health initiatives are encouraged to secure their sponsorship early.

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About Mississippi Health Disparities (MHD)

Mississippi Health Disparities is an annual non-income-based premier conference that brings together public health institutions and healthcare organizations to address social determinants of health and health disparities across the state. MHD serves as a robust dissemination venue to communicate biomedical and behavioral research with scientists and healthcare leaders across Mississippi. MHD's mission is to eliminate health disparities in MS and create healthier, more equitable communities. Follow us on social media: Facebook | LinkedIn