



Michigan Health Partnership

State of Michigan Group Health Insurance Plans:
How Local Governments and Other Public Entities can Participate

In early 2010, Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm issued Executive Directive 2010-1 to pave the way for partnership opportunities to achieve efficiencies in health care benefits for public entities. From this directive came the creation of **Michigan Health Partnership (MHP)**, a ground breaking program that opens the door for local governments, school districts, community colleges and other public entities to access State of Michigan group health insurance plans. Note: Only public entities may participate. Individuals are not eligible.

Program Scope

Public entities can access state contracts in:

- Health
- Prescription Drugs
- Vision
- Dental
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Advantages:

For public entities that participate in the MHP, benefits may include:

- Ability to leverage State of Michigan's negotiation and competitive bid process
- Enhanced buying power
- Access to established care management and wellness programs included in contracts

Sharing best practices

Beyond the opportunities made possible through the Michigan Health Partnership, the State also will support local units of government with best practices discussions, assistance in developing their bids, as well as evaluating additional partnership opportunities.

Join the MHP partnership!

There are two ways to participate:

Michigan's MiDEAL program

- Allows public entities to voluntarily purchase from State of Michigan contracts.
- Public entities will issue a purchase order direct to the vendor, using the State's plan design and terms; negotiating customized administrative services and pricing

Civil Service Commission Rule

- The State Personnel Director may approve agreements with other public entities to permit their employees to participate in group insurance plans authorized by the Civil Service Commission.
- 100 percent of any additional total cost of participation must be paid by the participating public entities or their employees.