MIHP services supplement medical (prenatal and infant) care and are provided by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) certified providers in accordance with Medicaid policy, to provide care coordination and intervention services, focusing on the mother-infant dyad.

Care coordination services are provided by a registered nurse and licensed social worker. Intervention services are provided by a registered nurse, a licensed social worker, registered dietitian (with a physician order), and an infant mental health specialist, based on the beneficiary's needs.

MIHP recognizes the impact of social determinants of health in MIHP families and works to consider the life factors of these families when assisting in the access of health care, social and community resources.

Referrals to MIHP may be made by anyone however; physician referrals to MIHP are encouraged when the Medicaid eligible woman calls to set up her prenatal visit. This allows for early risk screening and coordination of services.

MIHP – an evidence and population based model

As a population based model, every Medicaid insured pregnant woman is eligible for comprehensive risk screening, care coordination and MIHP services based on risk. Other features of the population-based model are: a strong focus on outcomes; use of specified, evidence-based interventions tied to level of risk; comprehensive data collection; development of a centralized database; and use of data to drive program decisions to improve program quality.

Delivery of services are monitored to assure MIHP providers are adhering to model fidelity through: periodic certification; medical record review; data analysis; and monitoring by MDHHS MIHP consultants as well as other quality improvement initiatives.

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The evidence supporting MIHP
Research shows that MIHP has favorable effects across a range of maternal and infant care and health outcomes during pregnancy, at birth, and through the first year after birth. Studies found evidence of effectiveness in a variety of areas, including:

**Improved maternal care**

“The results from Michigan provide strong evidence for the effectiveness of a Medicaid-sponsored population-based home-visitation program in improving maternal prenatal and postnatal care and infant care.”¹

Mothers participating in MIHP are more likely to receive prenatal care, have improved prenatal care adequacy, and to receive an appropriate postnatal checkup.¹

**Improved infant care**

Infants in MIHP are more likely to present for well-child visits and to adhere to the recommended number of well-child visits during the first year of life.¹

**Reduced risk of infant mortality**

Participation in MIHP reduced the risk of infant death, with significant reductions both in neonatal and post-neonatal infant death.³ Possible mechanisms include improvements in the adequacy of prenatal care and reductions in the risk of adverse birth outcomes.³

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**For more information about MIHP, visit the following web page:**

www.michigan.gov/mihp

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Endnotes and published research papers:


