MI Bridges News You Can Use

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

April 2023



Past Bulletins

Visit the <u>MI Bridges</u> <u>Community Partner website</u>

to view copies of past MI Bridges bulletins.



Please contact us with any questions:

MDHHSCommunityPartners @michigan.gov

9.40M+

Applications Submitted

3.85M+

Residents Registered

5,800+

Community Partner Navigators

MI Bridges statistics as of March 31, 2023



MI Bridges System Updates

We are excited to share with you the latest updates to MI Bridges. We hope these changes will make MI Bridges easier to use and find information.

MI Bridges Resident Updates:

- <u>MI Bridges Home Page Redesign</u>
- <u>New! Guest Application</u>
- Help Page Redesign
 - Popular Questions
 - I am a Guest User
 - I am a Registered User
 - Useful Information
- Add Resource Page Clarification
- <u>Application Submission</u>
 - View Benefits

MI Bridges Community Partner Updates:

- Enhanced Messages
- <u>Referral Export Capability</u>

Phone Assistance Guidance

The temporary exception for client assistance via the phone has been **extended to June 30**, **2023**. This will be our final extension as the Public Health Emergency is scheduled to end May 11, 2023. You can read more <u>here</u>.

The MI Bridges home page has been redesigned with new content and layout for a better user experience.



All six application for benefits can display information unique to the program by clicking on the tile. One program may be displayed at a time.

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		Nelcome to MI Bridges	
	Apply	for Benefits, Manage Your Case, and Explore Resources.	_
		Healthcare Coverage	
	Healthcare	Overview: Helps with healthcare costs. How do I know if I'm eligible? You may be eligible for a healthcare program if any of the following situations apply to you or someone in your household: You do not have healthcare coverage. You already have health coverage and want to explore lower-cost or free coverage. You have children that need healthcare coverage. You are on a Medicare plan.	sistance
	Coverage Helps with healthcar costs.	Which Medicaid program will I be enrolled in?	ash to parents ren, people pilities, refugees, le over 65.
	Women, Infants & Children (WIC Provides food, referrals, and education to mothers, infants, & young children.	Close Close Help covering childcare costs for working families.	Emergency (SER) overing the cost rgency ons.
		Apply for Benefits today	

"The "Find Community Partners" can be found on the home page in the "Need help getting started?" section.



"Need additional resources?" and "Need more help?" are easily located by scrolling down.

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	Find R	Resources Keep Up With CC	DVID-19 Benefit Changes	
Need	more help?	Find a Food Bank Search by county to find a Food Bank near y	ou. >	
		Find a MDHHS Office Search by County to find your local MDHHS	office.	

A new screen displays when clicking "Apply for Benefits" on the home page, providing users with more options for applying.



Guest Application

Users will see a "Before You Proceed" message while in the Guest Application for Benefits flow.



Indicator the Application for Benefits is being completed as a "Guest User".



Guest Application

Confirmation the Application for Benefits submitted as a "Guest User" and how to track the status of the application with the "Tracking Number".

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Apply for Benefits Guest Los	
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Need more information on the application? <u>View the info bookle</u> Please Note: You will receive updates from your county about your Pending × A specialist will call or email yo Individual Type of Coverage HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD Healthcare Coverage	Application Submitted
Need more help with your Benefits ? <u>Visit the Help Page</u> <u>Explore Resources</u> Find a MDHHS Office	Tracking Number: T00123456789
MI Bridges Home Contact Policies MDHHS Home MI.gov H Copyright © 2022 State of Michigan All	You can track the status of your application by calling your local county office and providing this number.

A new indicator on the Application for Benefits PDF that is generated post "Guest Application" for Benefits flow.

Assis	stance Applica		MI Bridges
Programs Requester	d	Date Time T Number	01/06/23 04:42 PM EST T50534386
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First Name Patty DOB 12/11/1985 Home Phone #	Middle Name SSN 444-44-444 Cell Phone #	Last Name Mayonnaise	Suffix

Help Page Redesign

The Help page has been redesigned to provide better assistance to MI Bridges users including a search function to make it easier to find the assistance needed.

Users can now click on topics specifically for registered users like "Popular Questions" , "I am a Guest User", "I am a Registered User" and the "Useful Information" tile.



Popular Questions

When a user clicks on the "Popular Questions" tile, a list of the top 10 questions with answers will display.



Popular Questions

Click on one of the top 10 questions below to learn more.

Who do I call if I face technical issues in MI Bridges?	~
How do I make changes to my case?	~
I need help in another language, can MI Bridges Help Desk still assist me?	~
I am currently receiving benefits, but I don't see my benefits information in MI Bridges. What can I do?	~
Can I complete my renewal in MI Bridges?	~
I have submitted an application but I don't see my benefits in MI Bridges. When will I see my benefits?	~
I need to report a change to my case but I can't access MI Bridges, who should I contact?	V
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What case information can I see?	
What case information can I see? Where is my local MDHHS office?	~

l am a Guest User

When a user clicks on the "I am a Guest User" tile, then the "Creating An Account" tile, they will see a comparison table of the features available as a MI Bridges Registered User and Guest User. Clicking "Finding Resources" directs the user to resource topics available to a Guest User.



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Features Available	Registered User	Guest User
Receive Notifications Upload Documents	⊘	⊗
View your Letters	•	⊗
Connect with Community Partners	•	⊗
Apply for Benefits without a phone numbe	r or email	S
Create an Account	Continue as a Guest	

I am a Registered User

Clicking the "I am a Registered User" tile, a user will see these options:

- "Setting Up My Account"
- "Finding Resources"
- "Managing My Case"



Useful Information

When a user clicks on the "Useful Information" tile, a "Glossary" and "Learning Tools" will display.



Add Resources Page

When a user is adding resources/organizations to their MI Bridges account from Explore or Help Me Find Resources, the "Report Inaccurate Information" message is now bolded with the message "*Michigan 2-1-1 receives the information and can not provide information or assistance for a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services case.*"

Healthy Families America (HFA)		Associated with North End Community Pantry.
		Services Offered
AI Bridges Partner		Food Pantries
EAST LEONARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	☆ Save	Eligibility
1027 Leonard Street NE, Grand Rapids, Kent, MI, 49503 (0.56 Miles away)	Show Details	Must reside in northeast Grand Rapids zip codes 49503 and 49505, within an approximate 2 mile radius of the church
11 Bridges Partner		Fees
Pantal Dronarty Owners Association	😭 Save	No fees
1459 Michigan Street NE, Grand Rapids, Kent, MI, 49503		Application Process
(0.6 Miles away)	Show Details	Walk in
AI Bridges Partner		Documents Required
Catherine's Health Center	☆ Save	 Picture ID - Social Security card or copy, for all members of household - Proof of address
1211 Lafayette Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Kent, MI, 49503		
(1.25 Miles away)	Show Details	Report Inaccurate Information A
Show More Resources Like These		Note: This section is not for requesting help or benefits. If you are requesting information or assistance for your MDHHS case, please contact 844-464-3447 or <u>County Offices</u> (michigan.gov) for support.
		Resource Organization Information Change Request
		What type of information needs to be updated for EAST LEONARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH?
		Address Website
		Phone Number Hours

Report Inaccurate Information A

Note: This section is not for requesting help or benefits.

If you are requesting information or assistance for your MDHHS case, please contact 844-464-3447 or <u>County Offices</u> (michigan.gov) for support.

Application Submission

When a registered MI Bridges user is applying for benefits and selects the "Food Assistance Program", "Cash Assistance", and/or "Child Development and Care" or any combination with these three programs, the user will see the option to submit an unfinished application.

An unfinished application may result in longer processing and more correspondence from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



View Benefits

Users will now see in "View Letters " if correspondence for "Healthcare Redetermination" or MDHHS-6009 was sent from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The option to "Take Action" or "View Letter" is available.

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Sas His Letters	MDHHS-6008
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View Details 🕨	healthcare coverage. Don't lose your coverage - click the Take Action button now!
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	Date sent 05/23/2022
	Take Action
	View Letter
MiBridges Home	
Help	
Policies	MiBridges Home
MDHHS Home	Help
MI.gov Home	Policies
Connect With Navigator	MDHHS Home
Connect with Navigator	MI.gov Home
Terms and Conditions	Connect With Navigator
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MI Bridges Community Partner Enhanced Messages

When an organization may already be registered as a MI Bridges Community Partner, they will see this message.

Your organization may already exist. Contact the MI Bridges Community Partner Team at
mdhhscommunitypartners@michigan.gov.

Users will now see a unique error message when logging in after being removed or deactivated from their Lead Point of Contact and how to contact them.



New! MI Bridges Community Partner Referral Export

MI Bridges Community Partners with Assign and Manage Referral permission can now export one or all referrals into one spreadsheet on the Manage/Assign Referrals pages. Once the referral(s) have been selected to export, the Export Referrals green box will be enabled.

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New! MI Bridges Community Partner Referral Export

While viewing the referral, the option appears to export the referral.

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Contact Informat	ion				
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DID YOU KNOW?

MI Bridges Resources: We have a resource page dedicated for you, our MI Bridges Community Partners! We encourage you to look. The answer to your question may just be there! <u>Here</u> you can find more information such as:

- MI Bridges User Guide
- MI Bridges Features
- Frequently Asked Questions
- <u>Training requirements</u> by Community Partner role
- <u>MI Bridges Community Partner Tools and Resources</u> which has How-To-Videos, Micro-Learning Videos, Job Aids, Community Partner Information, and Outreach Materials

MI Bridges Community Partner Access – Timing Out: Your MI Bridges session will log you out after 5 minutes of inactivity. MI Bridges will default to the resident log-in page, not the MI Bridges Community Partner log-in page. If you attempt to log in on the resident page, you will receive an error message "Invalid Username or Password". If you see the message "If you already have a MILogin account with a different system" above the username box, you are on the MI Bridges Community Partner log-in page. This message is not on the resident log-in page.

The steps to the Community Partner log-in page are as follows:

- 1. On the main MI Bridges Login Page, Click on "Partnerships".
- 2. Click on the "Community Partners" tile.
- 3. Click "Login".

4. Enter your MILogin for Third Party/MI Bridges Username and Password. (*TIP: You can bookmark this page, so it is easy to navigate to the login page!*)

Inactive (Pending) MI Bridges Community Partner User Accounts: You have 90 days to complete account registration after your organization adds you as a MI Bridges Community Partner user. The system will automatically remove you if you do not register within the 90 days. E-mail reminders will be sent to complete registration. This email is unique to you, and you must click on the "Create Your Account" link in the email and follow the prompts. **Registering directly on MI Bridges (without the link in the email) will create a resident account.** Your Lead Point of Contact (LPOC) can contact the MI Bridges Community Partner team <u>MDHHCommuniytPartners@michigan.gov</u> for the "Create Your Account" email to be resent.

MI Bridges Training

As a continued effort to stay safe during the pandemic, MDHHS MI Bridges Trainings continue to as a virtual format. As we schedule more trainings, we will update the <u>Community Partner Training</u> section of <u>www.Michigan.gov/MIBridgesPartners</u>.



MI Bridges Navigation Training:

Navigators are only required to take training once. If you have taken the Navigation training before and would like to have a refresher, you are welcome to join.

<u>Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</u> <u>Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</u> <u>Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm</u>

To register for one of the trainings, click the date/time above you would like to attend. The link will take you to the registration page. Trainings fill up fast! We suggest you register early.

MI Bridges Referral and Access Training:

The MI Bridges Referral and Access Training can be accessed on the <u>Community</u> <u>Partner Training</u> section of <u>www.Michigan.gov/MIBridgesPartners</u>.

These trainings can be done on-demand and you can access it directly from here:

Referral Training: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/1327427601110273037

Access Training: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/1210218562806419728

Additional Trainings:

MDHHS will occasionally host supplemental trainings that partners may find helpful. The schedule and past recordings can be found on the <u>Community Partner Training</u> section of <u>www.Michigan.gov/MIBridgesPartners</u>.

NOTE:

Navigation training is **required** for all staff who will be providing one-on-one assistance to clients in using MI Bridges.

Referral training is **required** for all staff who will be managing referrals in MI Bridges. **Access** training is an **optional** training for our access partners so they can gain a better understanding of MI Bridges.

MI Bridges Partner Information to Share

Women's Health Partnership Campaign Website

Women's Health Partnership Campaign (michigan.gov)

Cancer and heart disease are the leading causes of death for Michigan women, and to tackle this issue the Cancer Prevention and Control Section of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has screening programs for women. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP) provides breast and cervical cancer screening to eligible women. The WISEWOMAN Program provides screening for heart disease risk factors and health coaching to make lifestyle changes. To promote these programs the Cancer Section of MDHHS began the **Women's Health Partnership Campaign**.

Promote the Women's Health Partnership Campaign

Visit <u>Women's Health Partnership Campaign (michigan.gov</u>) and select "Promote the Women's Health Partnership Campaign" to find patient and provider flyers in different languages and a social media ambassador toolkit. These materials are ready to use for promotion of the BC3NP and WISEWOMAN Programs. See the attached flyers available in English as examples.

Sign up to be a Women's Health Partnership Campaign Partner

Send an email to <u>MDHHS-WomensHealthPartner@michigan.gov</u> for more information and to request being added to the monthly email updates.

University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research

Members of the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research team will be hosting a two-hour virtual focus group in Michigan. Participants will be asked to share their experiences with accessing, attempting to access, OR not accessing TANF benefits in Michigan. Participants will received a \$50 ClinCard for participation.

Participants Requirements:

- Be 18+ years old
- Have access to Zoom software
- Have at least one child under the age of 18
- If you have experienced one of the following:
 - Accessed TANF/FIP benefits
 - Were unable to access TANF/FIP benefits
 - May qualify, but have not applied to TANF/FIP benefits
- Speak and understand English are a primary or secondary language Please share with your clients who may be interested.

KU Research Flyer

1. Can my organization track the number of applications and renewals we assist our clients to complete?

Organizations often need to provide metrics when applying for grants. MI Bridges now makes it easier for these organizations to track the application assistance they provide to clients. At the end of every application and renewal there is an option for a client to indicate that a Navigator is helping them complete the form. Here is where the Navigator can enter their CP ID number. As a reminder, Navigators need to connect with clients in order to see key client information.

2. My client has multiple accounts in MI Bridges and they cannot see their benefits. What can I do?

Benefits can be linked to only **one account** in MI Bridges. To view benefits information, your client must enter their beneficiary ID, Medicaid ID, or Social Security Number in MI Bridges to link their case in Bridges (where benefits information is retrieved) to MI Bridges. **Important!** Only accounts that are linked to a client's case in Bridges will show benefits information. It is strongly recommended to log into the account that is connected to Bridges to view your benefits. If your client has forgotten their username or password, MI Bridges has self-service tools to support account recovery.

3. I am trying to remove a user that is no longer a navigator, but she still has clients assigned to her. How do I reassign the clients to remove her from my organization?

Partners who have the Manage Organization permission can add, remove or reassign a client to navigators within their organization on the Active Users page. On the partner's dashboard select [Organization] on the toolbar at the top of the page. Once on the "Organization" page select [Active Users]. For any navigator that does not have a pending status, and is assigned a CPID, the partner can click on the navigator's name and a side panel will appear. Select [View Client Directory]. From this page clients can be added, deleted and reassigned to navigators.

4. How can I register my organization to use MI Bridges?

Registration to become a new MI Bridges partner you can visit the <u>Become a MI</u> <u>Bridges Partner</u> webpage to begin the registration process. On this page, you can find tools and information on how to register your agency. Keep in mind, registering your agency account in MI Bridges is not the same as registration for training. Community partner users will need to register for MI Bridges training using the <u>Community</u> <u>Partner Training page</u>.

5. How can I register my users for MI Bridges training?

After an agency Lead-Point-of-Contact (LPOC) has registered their organization in MI Bridges, they will receive an email from MDHHS with information on how to register the team for training. You can also visit the <u>MI Bridges Community Partner website</u> to find the training schedule and instructions to register for MI Bridges Partner training.

6. Where can I find support with using MI Bridges?

Community partners and clients can find several resources like MI Bridges community partner bulletins, release notes, outreach materials, micro-learning videos, job aids, and how to videos on the Tools and Resource page on the <u>MI</u> <u>Bridges Community Partner website</u>.

7. I received an error when creating my account. What can I do now?

Some partners may experience a 2005 error when a partner has a mismatch with their name and email in MI Login and MI Bridges. To fix this problem please be sure that your name and email in MILogin for Third Party and MI Bridges are the same. You can visit the <u>MILogin for Third Party website</u> to verify your information is the same. After confirming that your name and email are the same you should no longer face this error. **If you are still experiencing a technical issue, please note the error code and contact the MI Bridges Help Desk at 1-844-799-9876.**

8. My organization's Lead Point of Contact changed our location's level of engagement, but it has not changed in MI Bridges.

If your organization updates its level of engagement, a confirmation email will be sent to your organization's authorized representative to certify the change. Once your organization's authorized representative has certified the change, your level of engagement will be approved and changed in MI Bridges.

9. I received a red banner error message when I attempted to log in as a MI Bridges Community Partner.

MI Bridges Community Partners have a separate log in page from the Michigan residents. If you log in on the resident MI Bridges page, you will receive the error message "**Invalid Username or Password**". The MI Bridges Community Partner log in page is located here: <u>MI Bridges - Log In (michigan.gov)</u>. If your session is inactive for a bit, you will be logged out and the default is the resident log in page.