

The Breast Milk Initiative Fact Sheet

The Breast Milk Initiative is a program that provides FREE pasteurized human breast milk to birthing persons with HIV who have delivered a baby or will be delivering a baby. This program provides a safe alternative for birthing persons and their infants, allowing infants to benefit from the high nutritional value of breast milk.

Service Eligibility

___ Proof/documentation of HIV positive status/diagnosis

___ Must reside in the state of Michigan

___ Must have an income \leq 500% of the most current Federal Poverty Level, [FPL Guidelines](#)

___ Must be underinsured or uninsured for applicable Ryan White services that are reimbursable through third party payers

___ Have delivered or will be delivering an infant

** Immigration status is irrelevant for the purposes of eligibility for Ryan White services. MDHHS sub-recipients should not share immigration status with immigration.

Infants/babies are eligible to receive breast milk up to one year of age.

How to enroll a patient:

- Speak with your patient to determine if this program is beneficial for the infant. Ensure the breast milk has adequate space for storage.
- If the client and baby will benefit from this program, submit a script to **Bronson's Milk Bank** via **fax** at **(269) 341-8365**.
- The prescription **MUST** include the following:
 - Name and date of birthing person.
 - Name and date of birth (or expected delivery date) of infant.
 - Delivery hospital.
 - Home address.
 - Quantity of donor milk in ounces per day for how many days/weeks/months, and refills requested.
 - Bill to MDHHS Breast Milk Initiative.

Questions? Please call 269-341-6146.