

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Reminder: November COP Webinar *Updated link

The November Community of Practice webinar will be on Thursday, November 6 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Topic: "RSV, Immunizations, and winter vaccine preventable diseases," presented by Dianne Ankley, MDHHS Immunization team.

****Please note the meeting link has been updated.**

[CLICK HERE to register for the November COP Webinar!](#)

MIHP Consultation and Support

Agencies can request a consultation within one month, two months or four months by completing the MIHP Provider Consultation Request form on the [MIHP Policy and Operations page](#). Agencies can select their preference for consultation (phone call or virtual meeting). Lastly, agencies are able to provide the topic of discussion. All of this information helps to provide MIHP consultants with preliminary information to determine the amount of time needed for support. Please note the topic of discussion will not limit what is able to be discussed.

To promote a timely and appropriate response, please use the survey form to inquire about consultation as opposed to contacting a consultant directly.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS instructed by USDA to temporarily pause issuance of November SNAP benefits

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Oct. 23, 2025

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MDHHS instructed by USDA to temporarily pause issuance of November SNAP benefits

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received communication from the federal government's Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) indicating that due to the ongoing federal government funding lapse, there may be limited availability of funds to pay full November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for approximately 42 million individuals across the nation. FNS has unfortunately directed MDHHS to hold November SNAP issuance and ongoing benefits until further notice.

The federal government's delay of SNAP benefits will place Michiganders at risk of food insecurity and poverty. SNAP, a critical program for families and individuals across Michigan to access food, is the nation's largest food assistance program and one of the most effective tools to reduce food insecurity. Nearly 13% of Michigan households,

approximately 1.4 million people, receive SNAP benefits. About 43% are families with children and 36% are families with members who are older adults or disabled.

“The impact of households losing SNAP benefits will be felt around the state,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “SNAP is more than a food assistance program; it’s a lifeline for many Michigan families. It helps families put nutritious food on the table, supports local farmers and grocers, and strengthens our communities and economy. We are strongly disappointed by the USDA’s decision to delay this assistance, and in Michigan we will do what we can to help blunt this impact.”

SNAP participants should reach out to their [local MDHHS office](#) with any questions regarding their SNAP benefits or check [MI Bridges](#) for updates.

To find additional resources:

- **Dial 2-1-1 or visit** [Find Help - Michigan 2-1-1](#) for free, confidential assistance and referrals to local food programs and support services.
- **Visit the** [Food Bank Council of Michigan](#) to locate nearby food banks and learn about additional hunger relief efforts.

How SNAP works

FNS administers SNAP at the federal level with states operating the program at the local level, determining eligibility and issuing benefits to eligible households.

SNAP benefits are provided on electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards that participants can use to purchase food at grocery and convenience stores, farmers markets and other retailers, circulating money directly into the food supply chain and other retail sectors. SNAP spending generates revenue for grocery stores, farmers and other businesses, which helps pay local wages, keeps shelves stocked and boosts the local economy.

SNAP helps lift families out of poverty by allowing them to spend money that would otherwise have been used for food on other goods and services, including health-related activities. A [2021 study](#) showed that infants and children in SNAP families are more likely to see a doctor for periodic check-ups. Additionally, older adults using SNAP are [more likely to take the full dosage of prescription medications](#) because they have enough income to afford food and medicine, compared to other older adults not participating in SNAP.

According to [new economic analysis](#) from the National Grocers Association, SNAP funding supports approximately 388,000 jobs, more than \$20 billion in direct wages, resulting in over \$4.5 billion in state and federal tax revenue.

SNAP in Michigan

In FY 2024, the average SNAP household in Michigan received \$335.03 in SNAP benefits per month, which is about \$173 per person per month or \$5.68 per person per day. Households with very low incomes receive more SNAP benefits than households closer to the poverty line because they need more help affording nutritious food.

- 492,225 children benefit from SNAP.
- 38,513 veterans participating in SNAP.
- 36% SNAP households have older adults.
- 43% SNAP households have children.
- 51% households have a person with a disability.
- 78% of SNAP households include someone with earned income.

In Michigan, more than 9,700 retailers accept SNAP. In 2023, retailers redeemed over \$3.6 million in SNAP.

To be eligible for SNAP in Michigan, applicants must be a U.S. citizen (or acceptable non-citizen status) and must live in Michigan. Eligibility is based on the financial situation of all members of a household. Everyone who lives together, purchases and prepares food together is considered a member of the same household group. In order to determine if a household is eligible for SNAP, MDHHS will review a household's expenses, assets and income. Expenses include rent, mortgage, utility bills, child support and dependent care expenses. For individuals with a disability or who are at least 60 years old, medical care, medical supplies and health insurance premiums may be included as an expense.

- [SNAP November benefits.pdf](#)



MDHHS Virtual Baby Fair



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Health and Human Services

Virtual Baby Fair



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- Breastfeeding Support
- Care for MiWell
- Childhood Lead Prevention Education
- Children's Special Healthcare Services
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
- Eat Safe Fish
- Immunizations
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Michigan Home Visiting Initiative
- Maternal Infant Health Program
- Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance, Hear Her Michigan Campaign
- Newborn Screening
- Oral Health Program
- PFAS Education
- Unintentional Injury Prevention
- Vital Records
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, please email
MDHHS-VirtualBabyFair@Michigan.gov
or call 517-284-4992.

To register, scan the QR code or
visit Michigan.gov/VirtualBabyFair.



[MDHHS Virtual Baby Fair](https://Michigan.gov/VirtualBabyFair)

Michigan Medicaid Policy: Revisions to Blood Pressure Monitoring Policy



Bulletin Number: MMP 25-48

Distribution: Medical Suppliers, Practitioners, Medicaid Health Plans (MHP), Integrated Care Organizations (ICO), Hospitals, Clinics

Issued: October 31, 2025

Subject: Revisions to Blood Pressure Monitoring Policy

Effective: December 1, 2025

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

Pursuant to Public Act (PA) 244 of 2024, this bulletin informs providers of revisions to the blood pressure monitoring policy by expanding coverage of blood pressure monitors to any beneficiary who is pregnant or who is within the 12-month postpartum period. Changes indicated in this policy are effective for dates of service on and after December 1, 2025.

To align with PA 244, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is removing from the standards of coverage the requirement for pregnant beneficiaries or beneficiaries who are within the puerperium period to have a hypertensive disorder (e.g., pre-eclampsia) or uncontrolled blood pressure to receive a blood pressure monitor. Current policy will be replaced with the following:

- Beneficiaries who are pregnant or who are within the 12-month postpartum period.

Note: For beneficiaries who are pregnant or who are within the 12-month postpartum period, the ordering practitioner must report a pregnancy- or postpartum-related diagnosis code on the order/prescription.

Prior authorization is not required if the standards of coverage are met. All other blood pressure monitoring policy standards of coverage, documentation, and prior authorization requirements remain unchanged. (Refer to the Medical Supplier Chapter of the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for current Blood Pressure Monitoring policy.)

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

An electronic copy of this document is available at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Approved



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Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Biweekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the [MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP](http://Michigan.gov/MIHP)

Biweekly Update Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Biweekly Update, [please submit your ideas here](#).

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Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all email to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.