

Important MIHP Update--July 25, 2023



Now Open for Public Comment: MDHHS Medicaid Program Community Health Worker Policy

We are excited to announce that MDHHS Medicaid Program has recently released its Community Health Worker (CHW) Policy for Public Comment, marking a significant step towards enhancing healthcare accessibility and community well-being. This proposed policy outlines Medicaid's plan to expand coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW) and Community Health Representative (CHR) services. The release of this policy opens up an invaluable opportunity for stakeholders to provide their input and shape the future of healthcare delivery in Michigan.

The MDHHS Medicaid Program plays a crucial role in providing essential healthcare services to millions of Americans who may otherwise struggle to afford necessary care. With this new policy, Medicaid strives to recognize the invaluable contributions of CHWs in improving health outcomes, particularly among underserved populations. By expanding coverage to include CHW services, Medicaid seeks to ensure that individuals receive comprehensive and holistic care that addresses not only their medical needs but also addresses the social determinants of health.

The proposed CHW Policy is now open for public comment, and Medicaid encourages all stakeholders to participate in this essential process. Public comments provide an opportunity for community members, healthcare professionals, organizations, and individuals to share their insights, concerns, and recommendations regarding the proposed policy. Your valuable input can help shape the final policy and ensure that it aligns with the needs and aspirations of our community.

[Click here to review the proposed CHW Policy.](#)

Comments on the proposed policy are due by August 18, 2023.

To submit your comments or ask any questions, please reach out to Elizabeth Pitts, who is overseeing the public comment process. You can contact Elizabeth Pitts via email at PittsE@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to creating a healthier and more equitable future for Michigan.

CIE Task Force Final Recommendations Preview Webinar

In August 2022, MDHHS announced the convening of the Community Information Exchange Task Force with the goal of developing a statewide plan for establishing CIE capacities. CIE facilitates the flow of information among organizations using different technologies to provide social care that supports people and families. CIE can also facilitate the aggregation of data about community resources and needs to inform policy change that promotes more efficient and effective distribution of resources and programming. The Task Force has been meeting monthly to develop recommendations on the development of statewide infrastructure to support CIE, which are slated to be published in August 2023.

Policy and Planning provided at preview of the CIE Task Force Final Recommendations to the Medicaid Health Plans at this year's Michigan Association of Health Plans Conference which we would like to share. [Click here for the recording of this presentation.](#)

Policy and Planning will also host a more formal webinar with presentations by CIE Task Force members in August, concurrent with the release of the final report.

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.