

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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Hispanics and Health Care Coverage



Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health describes Hispanics as any person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. There are 62.1 million Hispanics in the U.S. Hispanics are the largest minority population—18 percent of the total U.S. population.

Hispanics have the highest uninsured rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S. Almost 19 percent of Hispanics are uninsured. The lack of health insurance and preventative care contributes to Hispanics developing chronic conditions such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity. The leading causes of illness and death among Hispanics are heart disease, cancer, accidents, stroke, and diabetes. The high cost of an employer-sponsored health plan and an employer not offering health care coverage are among the reasons that Hispanics are not insured.

Communication and language barriers are associated with decreased quality of care and poorer health outcomes. Individuals with limited English proficiency are less likely to have routine health visits, more likely to defer needed health care, and more likely to leave the hospital against medical advice.

Thank you all to our MIHP agencies that serve this population and continue their commitment to improving their health and wellbeing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have many helpful resources to use and to share with the Hispanic families you serve. Follow this link for the [Follow this link for the CDC's Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!](#) Website.

Infant Product Recall!



The Boppy Company recalls over 3 million Original Newborn Loungers, Boppy Preferred Newborn Loungers and Pottery Barn Kids Boppy Newborn Loungers after 8 infant deaths.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled loungers and contact The Boppy Company for a refund. Contact The Boppy Company toll-free at 800-416-1355 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or [online at www.boppy.com](http://www.boppy.com) and click “Recall & Safety Alert” for more information.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission continues to emphasize that the best place for a baby to sleep is on the back on a firm, flat surface in a crib, bassinet or play yard. [Learn more about safe sleep spaces](#) and infant safe sleep at Michigan.gov/SafeSleep.

Please share and review this information with your families.

Hospital and Healthcare Guide

Medical Publishing, LLC presents the 2021 Michigan Hospital & Healthcare Guide. Please click on the link below to download a copy. Note that this is a publication produced by a third party and MDHHS can not verify the accuracy of the information included. You may share this link with your community partners.

[Click here for the Michigan Hospital & Healthcare Guide.](#)

State of Michigan Alerts and Newsletters

The State of Michigan provides alerts and newsletters on issues affecting families. This includes the Safe Sleep alert that was released on September 23rd regarding the recall of Boppy pillows. Follow the link below to sign up or manage your current subscriptions.

[Sign up for alerts and newsletters you are interested in receiving at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDHHS/subscriber/new](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDHHS/subscriber/new)

MIHP Consultant Job Posting

MIHP has posted the consultant position to fill the role vacated by Cherie Ross. Please forward the posting to your networks. **Note the closing date of October 11th.**

[Public Health Consultant 12 - Maternal Infant Health Program \(MIHP\) Consultant | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Coordinator Directory

[Click here to access the Coordinator Directory](#)

Topic Submission

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

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP or [by clicking here](#).

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.