

MIHP Biweekly Update

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MIHP Policy Exceptions

In limited situations, when beneficiary needs do not align with outlined MIHP program parameters an MIHP provider may request a program exception. The exception process is documented in both the Medicaid Provider Manual--MIHP policy section and the MIHP Operations Guide.

The following circumstances require approval:

- Initiation of services for a child over 12 months of age
- Continuation of services beyond 18 months of age
- A beneficiary whose Risk Identifier scores “no risks” but who could benefit from MIHP services

The program exception request must be submitted to MDHHS MIHP staff for review for beneficiaries enrolled with Fee for Service (FFS) and those enrolled with a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP).

To request an exception, the MIHP provider must submit the following written documentation to the MDHHS MIHP team, via fax or encrypted email:

- The Medicaid ID and date of birth
- Payor source for beneficiary
- Type of exception
- Rationale for the exception which should include as appropriate:
 - Identified risks
 - Detail of services to be provided such as:
 - A brief plan on support to be provided to the beneficiary
 - Anticipated number of visits
 - Brief transition plan

Beneficiaries with FFS Medicaid: MDHHS MIHP staff will review the request and provide the final decision to the MIHP provider.

Beneficiaries enrolled with an MHP: MDHHS MIHP staff will review the request and recommend the decision to the MHP. The provider will be copied on the recommendation email sent to the MHP. MHPs are responsible for processing prior authorization requests for the services, according to their utilization management processes.

Note:

- A risk score for Birth Health does not have a plan of care. However, services may still be offered for the beneficiary based on professional judgement without requesting an exception.
- If a response has not been received by the MIHP team within 5 business days, please follow up by email at mihp@michigan.gov.
- Requests must receive approval before exception services are provided.

Retroactive requests for exceptions are not granted unless an emergency is documented on the Professional Visit Provider Note (PVPN) or Contact Log.

- MIHP providers must keep all written documentation regarding the exception decision in the beneficiary's chart.
- Beneficiaries enrolled with a health plan must have the exception documented on page 2 of the MHP Communication Tool, MDHHS-5650, sent monthly to the beneficiary's Health Plan.

October is Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month

Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared [October 2022 Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month](#), calling attention to the importance of preventing sleep-related infant deaths. Most people think this would never happen to them, but the sad reality is that a baby dies nearly every other day in Michigan and these deaths are overwhelmingly preventable.

To keep babies 0-12 months of age safe, while sleeping at night and during naps, parents and caregivers should follow the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines:

- Place baby on back, in a crib, bassinet or pack 'n play for every sleep time.
- Use a firm mattress with a tightly fitted sheet.
- Keep baby's sleep space clutter free – no pillows, blankets, bumper pads, or toys.
- Avoid covering baby's head or overheating. Instead of a blanket, consider using a sleep sack, wearable blanket or footed sleeper to keep baby warm.
- Keep baby in a smoke-free environment.
- Support breastfeeding and immunizations.

To help support families, you can learn more about the [safe sleep guidelines and why they are recommended](#) to keep babies safe.

You can also join Michigan's Infant Safe Sleep Action Team for the first [Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month Virtual 5K Your Way](#). You can participate anytime during the month of October and share your activity on social media using the hashtag #MIMoves4safesleep.

To learn how you can support Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month view the “[How you can make a difference](#)” resource and sign up for the [Infant Safe Sleep for Professionals Listserv](#).



Additional Safe Sleep Awareness Resources

As we enter the final week of Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month, we are reposting information from the October 10 edition of the Biweekly Update:

Week 4 (October 23-31) Breastfeeding reduces the risk of sleep-related causes of infant death. If you bring baby into your bed to #breastfeed, be sure to follow #safesleep practices when finished. Move baby to a safe sleep space EVERY TIME you breastfeed. #SafeToSleep

More Posts Do you want to post more than once a week? Share the safe sleep videos from the Charlie's Kids Foundation by using these [sample posts](#). The videos now include how to get more information on infant safe sleep from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Virtual 5K Your Way Don't forget to join Michigan's Infant Safe Sleep Action Team for the [first Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month Virtual 5K Your Way](#). You can participate anytime during the month of October 2022 and share your activity on social media using the hashtag #MIMoves4safesleep.

If you have any questions about infant safe sleep, please contact the Infant Safe Sleep Program at MDHHS-InfantSafeSleep@michigan.gov or go to Michigan.gov/SafeSleep.



New COVID-19 Vaccine Videos Featuring Michigan Families

- New videos are available! The Michigan Region 9 Perinatal Quality Collaborative asked **pregnant and breastfeeding individuals** why they decided to get vaccinated. [Listen to their stories](#) and consider sharing with families and partners. New videos include:
 - *The Vaccine Gave me the Postpartum Experience that I Would've Envisioned*
 - *Getting Vaccinated to Create a Safe Family Support System: Brianna's Story*
 - *Getting Vaccinated to Create a Safe Family Support System: Alison's Story*
 - *Why Get Vaccinated: Risks of COVID-19 for Pregnant People*
 - *Getting Vaccinated to Avoid the Risks of COVID-10: Molly's Story*

CDC Monkeypox Webinar

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be hosting a webinar to present current information about monkeypox as it relates to children, adolescents, and people who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Presenters will address clinical considerations for diagnosis, treatment, and post-exposure prophylaxis; vaccination; contact and breastfeeding recommendations; infection prevention and control measures; and resources available to care for these patient populations.

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Webinar Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16050874>

Registration is not required. Additional details can be [found here](#).

Closing out Celebrate Babies Week!



Happy Celebrate Babies Week!!!

2022 Celebrate Babies Week was a fantastic success! All week we enjoyed opportunities to hear how people from all over the state of Michigan celebrated the week! From our kickoff video from Dr. Mona to posting baby pictures, doing virtual yoga, and attending candidate forums we are so grateful for all of our work and play together!

As Celebrate Babies Week closes, we offer you a sweet video montage from OUR babies statewide...we're sure this video brings a smile to your faces and reminds you of how important YOU are to the infants and young children we all serve!



[Please click here to view the New Celebrate Babies Week 2022 video.](#)

We hope that you will join us in building awareness of Celebrate Babies Week. To help you promote, the Celebrate Babies Committee has created a branding and promo kit that includes logos, icons and Facebook Images you can use as your profile picture. Click the button below to view and download images!

[Celebrate Babies Branding/Promo Kit](#)

Previously Released MIHP Updates

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

Bi-Weekly Update Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly 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.