

MIHP Biweekly Update

December 2, 2024



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Reminder: December COP Webinar

The December Community of Practice webinar will be on Wednesday, December 11th from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. The topic is “MI Bridges - How to Help Families Navigate,” presented by Crystal Korpi of the MDHHS MI Bridges team.

[REGISTER HERE for the MI Bridges webinar.](#)

Website Update, Behavioral Health Training Recordings Added

A new section is now available on the MIHP website: [Behavioral Health Trainings](#). This clickable section can be accessed from the “MIHP Provider Training” main page. Within that section are all previously recorded Behavioral Health Training Sessions.

These recordings are an accumulation of a training series that was funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to address the gaps in professional development knowledge regarding behavioral health topics for home visitors in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

As additional behavioral health trainings become available, the web page will be updated accordingly.



MIHP Staff Training and Professional Development

- Staff Training**
Review required trainings and access training platforms.
- Community of Practice Webinars**
Register for upcoming webinars and view previous sessions.
- May Coordinator Trainings**
View content from previous meetings.
- Behavioral Health Trainings**
View recordings from previous sessions.
- Additional Training and Resources**
Supplement staff training with additional opportunities.



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- Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Register at [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Virtual Baby Fair](#).

Participating MDHHS Programs:

- Newborn Screening
- [BioTrust](#) for Health
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
- Vital Records
- Unintentional Injury Prevention
- Oral Health Program
- Care for [MiWell](#)
- Childhood Lead Prevention Education
- Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance, Hear Her Michigan Campaign
- PFAS Education
- Eat Safe Fish
- Immunizations
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National Influenza Vaccination Week is December 2–6. Encourage vaccination using CDC's digital media toolkit.

The majority of Americans are not prepared for the coming seasonal influenza epidemic. [National Influenza Vaccination Week](#) (NIVW) observed December 2–6 this year, highlights the value of influenza vaccination in December and beyond. First organized by CDC in 2005, NIVW is a great time to post and share reminder messages and vaccinate all those who are not yet protected. Get the word out using CDC's [2024 NIVW Digital Media Toolkit](#), which include the following assets.

- **Sample Newsletter Text:** include CDC's sample text in your email newsletter or other communications
- **Patient Reminder Messages:** remind patients by sharing key messages through your patient portal or other reminders
- **Social Media Messages:** use CDC's suggested X, Facebook, and Instagram graphics and text to spread the word; schedule content to remind your networks about the importance of flu vaccination throughout the week



Use #FightFlu and #NIVW to join the conversation all week.

**CDC Recommended
Immunization Schedules**

NCIRD
National Center for
Immunization and
Respiratory Diseases



Prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases.

2025 Recommended Immunization Schedules Now Online

The schedules summarize final recommendations previously made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and made official by the CDC director. The 2025 schedules were approved by ACIP and adopted by the CDC Director on October 24, 2024, and subsequently approved by several professional organizations.

CDC's goal is for the schedules to provide the public, health care providers, and programs with clear, concise, and up-to-date immunization information. These tools help ensure immunizations are timely, effective, and given safely.

[Healthcare Provider Immunization Schedules](#)
[Schedule Changes & Guidance](#)
[Simplified Immunization Schedules](#)



Vaccine Schedules For You and Your Family

The [Simplified Immunization Schedules](#), also known as “easy to read” or “audience friendly” schedules, are designed to help patients and families better understand recommendations, immunizations, and vaccine-preventable diseases.

[Infants and Children \(Birth to 6 Years\)](#)
[Older Children and Teens \(7 to 18 Years\)](#)
[Recommended Vaccinations for Adults](#)



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS announces enhancements to improve substance use disorder treatment access

Press Release

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MDHHS announces enhancements to improve substance use disorder treatment access *New mapping tool helps residents find treatment and recovery providers*

LANSING, Mich. – To help improve access for individuals seeking substance use disorder treatment (SUD) options, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has developed several new enhancements to programs and a new mapping tool to help individuals across Michigan better access SUD treatment.

“I am especially proud of the work we have done to expand access to substance use disorder treatment,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “Expanding Health Home services, ensuring reimbursement for alcohol use disorder treatment in primary care settings, and building a new tool for residents to find treatment and recovery locations across the state are just a few examples of how the department is continuing to build access and treatment options for Michigan residents.”

SUD mapping tool launched

MDHHS has launched a new tool that will identify licensed SUD treatment and recovery locations through a geographic search, available [on the MDHHS website](#). Providers can be searched by ZIP code, city or county as well as type of services needed including inpatient, outpatient and medication- assisted treatment and if the provider accepts Medicaid.

Health Home services expanded

[Health Homes](#) are a proven model to increase access to coordinated and integrated care. They are centered on whole-person, team-based care, with peer recovery coaches at the center of care.

To help ensure more Michigan residents are eligible for Health Home services, MDHHS has transitioned Opioid Health Homes to SUD Health Homes and added the diagnoses of Alcohol Use Disorder and Stimulant Use Disorder to broaden eligibility for services.

- In FY 2023, 23,270 women entered treatment for substance use disorders. Of that number, 592 were pregnant.
- In FY2023, 29,472 people entered treatment for primary alcohol use disorder. Multiple regions of the state report that alcohol is the primary substance of abuse for people seeking treatment.

“The expansion of the Substance Use Disorder Health Home has allowed us to increase our enrollment and provide much needed care coordination services while improving our beneficiaries’ social determinants of health, said Branislava Arsenov, chief clinical officer of Northern Michigan Regional Entity. “These early enrollment trends speak to the need to grow this benefit in Northern Michigan to improve recovery outcomes and increase opportunities for beneficiaries and communities.”

SUD Health Homes are also now a statewide benefit as the services have expanded to seven new counties - Allegan, Kent, Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa counties. These changes are expected to expand services to up to an additional 3,000 individuals.

Medicaid changes increase opportunities for services Within the Medicaid program, policy and reimbursement changes have led to more robust opportunities for individuals to receive care in their communities. Reimbursement has been expanded for office-based treatment for alcohol use disorder and opioid use disorder in the primary care setting. Additionally, the prior authorization requirement to prescribe medications to treat opioid use disorder (MOUD) for Medicaid beneficiaries has been removed, allowing for a 20% increase in the last four years of the number MOUDs prescribed by primary care physicians.

Over the past few years, MDHHS has also taken these additional actions to improve access to SUD treatment in Michigan:

- Expanded the number of Medicaid SUD providers by removing barriers for providers and offering incentives such as loan repayment to launch or expand services.
- Worked with physicians to increase the number of buprenorphine prescribers in the state.
- Launched early intervention treatment and referrals in select Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and Child and Adolescent Health Centers.
- Improved the system of care for pregnant individuals in northern Michigan by providing support and education for physicians in the Opioid Home Health network.
- Supported substance-exposed babies and their families by expanding supports through rooming-in, which allows birthing individuals, caregivers and babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome to stay together during treatment.

- Collaborated with Michigan Department of Corrections to support peers in parole/probation offices to assist individuals returning from incarceration.
- Provided more than 20,000 rides for SUD-related services. Transportation has been identified as a barrier in almost every community engagement related to SUD.
- Partnered with Michigan State Housing Development Authority to expand recovery housing to help meet the statewide demand. This resulted in an additional 27 recovery homes with 79 additional recovery beds, prioritizing counties and populations with the highest need.
- Expanded opioid treatment capacity at 10 Michigan Department of Corrections prisons which provide medications for opioid use disorder to 884 incarcerated individuals.

More information about programming and resources can be found on the [SUD Resources website](#). Information about how the state's Opioid Healing and Recovering Fund is being spent can be found on the [opioids settlement website](#)

[Please click here to view the full Press Release](#)

Infant Products Recalled



Stokke recalls YOYO³ strollers due to injury hazard. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled strollers. View the [recall](#) for more details on the hazards present and how to contact the manufacturer for a refund.

South Shore Cribs recalled due to entrapment hazard and violation of Federal Regulation for Full Sized Cribs. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled crib. View the [recall](#) for more details on the hazards present and how to contact the manufacturer.



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Holiday Travel Reminders

Many families will be traveling over the coming months to celebrate the holidays with friends and family. Make sure your baby or the baby in your care has a safe place to sleep, for nap time and night time, at home and as you travel. Here are some tips to keep baby safe while you travel.

Review the [Safe Sleep Steps](#) on what a safe sleep environment looks like. A firm, flat sleep area is safest for infants. A crib, bassinet, portable crib, or play yard that follows the safety standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is recommended. The mattress should be covered by a tightly fitted sheet with no other bedding or soft items in the sleep area.

Arrange for a safe sleep space at hotels and at your final destination. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has a [Crib and Infant Products page](#), which explains that [federal crib standards apply to hotels and motels](#) and notes that [inflatable air mattresses can be a deadly danger](#).

Educate other potential caregivers. When traveling for the holidays, other family members may want to place blankets, crib bumpers, or soft toys in the baby's crib. Our Infant Safe Sleep site has [resources and publications](#) that can be used to show others all about safe sleep.

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep.

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Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

December 24 and 25
December 31
January 1
January 20

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](#).

MDHHS Publications

[Sign up here to receive program updates and communications.](#)

Coordinator Directory

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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 emails to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.