

Bi-Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

Monday, April 11, 2022

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Public Health Week Acknowledgement

In honor of National Public Health Week, April 4th-10th, 2022 MDHHS highlighted the Maternal Infant Health Program on their social media platform. [Please click here to view the content.](#)

Feedback Opportunity

The State of Michigan Home Visiting Advisory Committee is seeking input from home visiting professionals on challenges, successes, and general experiences in delivering services to families during the pandemic. Selected comments will be published anonymously in the annual Home Visiting Legislative Report, as required under Public Act 291 of 2012. We encourage you to share your thoughts on how you and your families worked to maintain quality services during challenging times, and what modifications you had to make. You may email your comments **by Thursday, April 14th** to Ari Moore at moorea12@michigan.gov. Put “Home Visiting Report” in the subject line.

Infant Product Recalled



Stokke [recalls](#) Clikk High Chairs due to fall and injury hazards. For more information, consumers can contact Stokke:

- Toll-free at 877-978-6553 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday
- By email at info-usa@stokke.com
- Online at <https://recall.stokke.com/cliikkwhite>
- Online at www.stokke.com and click on “Product safety and recall information” at the bottom of the page.

Please share this information with your families and community partners!

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

Learn more about the safest way for babies to sleep at michigan.gov/safesleep



Risk Identifier Requirements Before Billing or Providing MIHP Services

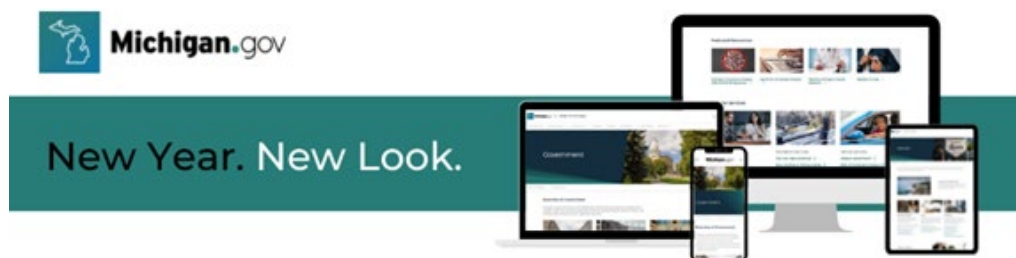
Providing MIHP services:

- Before providing MIHP services:
 - The Risk Identifier must be completed and entered into the MILogin MIHP database
 - A risk scoresheet generated showing at least one risk
 - The Plan of Care 2 added based on risk and/or professional judgement
 - The Plan of Care 2 agreed on and Plan of Care 3 signed
 - Exception: services may be provided if an emergent situation occurs with the beneficiary and the emergency is documented on the Professional Visit Progress Note (PVPN) or Contact Log.

Billing for the MIHP Risk Identifier:

- Before billing the MIHP Risk Identifier Visit
 - The Risk Identifier must be completed and entered into the MILogin MIHP database
 - A risk scoresheet generated

MIHP to Launch New Website



The MDHHS Maternal Infant Health Program is pleased to announce the launch of a new website on April 22, 2022. The new website is the result of a multi-year State of Michigan [website content management replacement project](#) to update and replace over 110 executive branch websites. The new websites are designed to modernize website technology and improve overall user experience for both site users and content administrators.

When the new MIHP site launches it will look a little different, but the same services and content will be available. We will work to continually improve our website design after initial launch with a goal to provide our users with more flexible, user-friendly content experiences. An automatic redirect program for the new website is in place to ensure visitors have continued access to content that is important to them after the launch. More information will be provided prior to the launch on April 22, 2022.

Changes to COP Webinars

We are happy to announce that due to the overwhelming success of the MIHP bi-monthly Community of Practice (COP) webinars, beginning in June 2022 we will offer monthly webinars. These webinars are optional presentations on a variety of topics relevant to maternal and child health. Where appropriate, topic presentations will be paired with best practice and utilization of the MIHP plans of care. Topic agendas are already expanding into 2023 from various presenters in state government, community partners, and resources.

The MIHP Community of Practice webinars provide a wealth of information that can support and enhance core knowledge for attendees. Discussions about program updates or Medicaid policies will not be a component of the optional webinar series. MIHP program updates and policy requirements will be discussed in required MIHP Coordinator meetings, program documents, and the MIHP Bi-Weekly Update. This will allow the webinars to focus on content related to best practices in maternal, infant and overall family health. We look forward to the monthly meetings and the exciting content that will be provided in the future. Information regarding upcoming webinars may be found at [Maternal Infant Health Program - Provider Training \(michigan.gov\)](#), MIHP Bi-monthly Community of Practice Webinars section.

Reminder: Maternal Infant Health Summit Registration is Open!



Community Stories and Solutions:
STRONGER TOGETHER

June 21-22, 2022
VIRTUAL

MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH SUMMIT

*Working Together
to Improve
Maternal and Infant Health
in Michigan*

REGISTER NOW!

PARTICIPANT

EXHIBITOR

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Jennie Joseph, LM, CPM

Jennie Joseph, one of TIME Magazine's Inaugural Women of the Year, is a British-trained midwife, created The JJ Way®, which is an evidence-based, maternity care model delivering readily accessible, patient-centered, culturally congruent care to women in areas that she terms 'materno-toxic zones'. She is the founder of Commonsense Childbirth Inc, which operates a training institute, health clinics, and a birthing center in Orlando, Florida, and is also the creator of the National Perinatal Task Force, a grassroots organization whose mission is the elimination of racial disparities in maternal-child health in the USA.

Karen A. Scott, MD, MPH, FACOG

Dr. Karen A. Scott, MD, MPH, FACOG (she/her), is the Chief Black Feminist Physician Scientist, Founding CEO, and Owner of Birthing Cultural Rigor, LLC, with more than 25 years of advocating for the dignity and sanctity of Black women and girls. She is an improvement and implementation scientist, activist, teacher, and mentor grounded in a Black feminist-reproductive justice praxis with formal training and experience as community-based OBGYN physician and applied epidemiologist. During the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Dr. Scott launched a national study called SACRED Birth to validate a novel survey instrument designed by Dr. Scott that examines Safety, Autonomy, Communication, Racism, Empathy, and Dignity during childbirth hospitalization.



Kimberly Seals Allers

Kimberly Seals Allers is an award-winning journalist, five-time author, international speaker, femtech founder and advocate for maternal and infant health. Kimberly is a leading voice on the socio-cultural and racial complexities of birth, breastfeeding and motherhood and has leveraged her decades of experience as a business journalist, her passion for mothering and her vision for using technology to amplify community voices to create the Irth (as in Birth, but we dropped the B for bias) app. She is also the creator and co-founder of Black Breastfeeding Week, an annual awareness week that has grown to international recognition and executive director of Narrative Nation, Inc, a non-profit that co-creates culturally relevant media and technologies.

Kenn Harris

Kenn Harris has almost 30 years of experience working on a national initiative for maternal and child health, community engagement and infant mortality. Since 1991 he has been a part of Healthy Start, a community-based federal program seeking to eliminate disparities in infant mortality and perinatal outcomes by working in communities across the country to improve systems of community care. He started his work in Boston at the Boston Healthy Start Initiative, then spent 20 years directing the New Haven Healthy Start program at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven in New Haven, Connecticut. Kenn is a national expert and facilitator on topics including community engagement, fatherhood, racism and equity. He is a researcher and national advisor on men's health.



...Plus many more!

Visit MIHEALTHSUMMIT.COM for more information.

More Fruits and Vegetables Available for WIC Families

MDHHS Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 29, 2022

CONTACT: Lynn Sutfin, 517-241-2112, sutfinl1@michigan.gov

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clients are being reminded about additional Cash Value Benefits (CVB) they are receiving to purchase fruits and vegetables at the grocery store through September 30.

On March 15, President Joe Biden signed the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2022 into law, authorizing state WIC agencies to extend the increase of the program's vegetable and fruit benefit through the end of September.

Brian Dittmeier, senior director of Public Policy at the National WIC Association, issued the following statement in response:

"The WIC benefit bump is one of the most effective investments to build nutrition security for low-income families...and has resulted in more than triple the amount of fruit and vegetable purchases, a greater variety of produce redeemed by WIC families, and increased fruit and vegetable consumption for young children. As WIC's individualized nutrition counseling reinforces this benefit bump, WIC families are positioned to make healthier choices that will resonate with the next generation."

"Michigan is excited to offer this great increase in benefits to the women, infants and children that we serve," said Christina Herring-Johnson, Michigan WIC director. "This increase in fresh fruits and vegetables will continue to promote and support healthier eating patterns and overall great nutrition."

The monthly cash value benefit for fruits and vegetables will remain at the following increased amounts through September 2022:

- \$24 for children.
- \$43 for pregnant and postpartum people.
- \$47 for breastfeeding people.

WIC's CVB vegetable and fruit benefit was first introduced in 2007 and is credited with improving the [dietary quality](#) of WIC participants' nutrition and reducing the prevalence of [childhood obesity](#) among WIC toddlers.

Michigan residents can learn more about what the Michigan WIC program has to offer by visiting Michigan.gov/WIC. To apply for WIC, visit Michigan.gov/MIBridges.

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Full Press Release

- [WIC fruits and veggies reminder NR.pdf](#)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan for the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day event on **Tuesday, April 26 at 11:00AM** at the Michigan State Capitol Building. There will be speakers, entertainment and the planting of a pinwheel garden. Contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger at wachsbergere@michigan.gov.

To get involved, follow the Michigan Children's Trust Fund on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [online](#).

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Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW)



Join NBEC in celebrating BMHW

Black Maternal Health Week is centered around the experiences of Black mamas, their babies and their communities. From policy to funding for birth workers, we diving deep into the full range of topics relating to maternal health and reproductive justice.

Apr 11, 10:00AM - Apr 15, 9:00PM

Join NBEC for a week of mindfulness, advocacy and community in honor of Black Maternal Health Week 2022 #BMHW22

[Click here to register](#)

National Minority Health Month

April is National Minority Health Month, and this year's theme is **Give Your Community a Boost!** The theme focuses on the continued importance of COVID-19 vaccination, including boosters, as one of the strongest tools we can use to protect communities from COVID-19, which has disproportionately affected communities of color. [CDC data show that some racial and ethnic minority groups](#) — particularly Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and American Indian or Alaska Native people are at increased risk of getting sick, having more severe illness, and dying from COVID-19.

- Visit the [National Minority Health Month website](#) for social media graphics, messages, and virtual events.
- Check out the [National Minority Health Month toolkit](#) and the [Misinformation Toolkit](#).

Treating Chronic Hypertension in Early Pregnancy Benefits Parents, Babies

Study shows pregnant adults less likely to experience preterm births or other serious problems with treatment .

Adults treated with medication for [high blood pressure](#) present before or during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy, defined as chronic hypertension in pregnancy, had fewer adverse pregnancy outcomes compared to adults who did not receive antihypertensive treatment, according to a study supported by the National Institutes of Health.

The study, which involved more than 2,400 pregnant adults, found that those who received medication to lower their blood pressure below 140/90 mm Hg were less likely to have a preterm birth or experience one of several severe pregnancy complications, such as preeclampsia, a condition marked by sudden high blood pressure and early signs of organ dysfunction. The hypertension treatment did not impair fetal growth.

Complete Release:

[Treating chronic hypertension in early pregnancy benefits parents, babies](#)

Yes, It's Still Flu Season, and Disparities are Evident

More than 2,800 flu hospitalizations were reported in the U.S. for the week ending March 26th. This is the **highest weekly number of hospitalizations all season**.

CDC recommends annual influenza vaccination for everyone aged 6 months and older, including pregnant people. However, CDC's [systems](#) for monitoring mid-season flu vaccination uptake show some concerning trends. From mid-October 2021 to the end of January 2022, flu vaccination coverage is lower so far this season compared with last season for most groups, including some **groups who are at higher risk for severe flu or complications of flu, such as pregnant people and infants and young children**. Coverage was lower as well among racial and ethnic minorities compared with both last season and seasons prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. **The group at higher risk for flu that saw perhaps the largest drop in uptake of flu vaccine was pregnant people**. Coverage is lower now than at the same time than last season overall by about 9 percentage points and across all racial and ethnic groups. Among [pregnant people, flu vaccination coverage](#) as of the end of January 2022 is estimated at 51.4%, which is lower than the 60.1% estimated as of the end of January 2021.

Drops in vaccination coverage are concerning, but especially worrisome when those drops occur in people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. Pregnant people, for example, are more vulnerable to serious flu due to changes in the immune system, heart, and lungs that happen during pregnancy (and up to two weeks after delivery). Please help encourage flu vaccination and access. To find a flu vaccine provider, go to www.Vaccines.gov.

Consider Ordering FREE Flu Handouts

- [Families Fighting Flu Educational Materials](#)
- [MDHHS Clearinghouse](#)
- [CDC Info on Demand](#) (Drop down to "Immunization - Influenza")

Consider Joining These Flu-Specific Email Subscriptions

- [Families Fighting Flu \(Scroll down to "Stay Informed"\)](#)
- [MDHHS Flu Focus Weekly Report](#)
- [CDC Weekly Surveillance Data](#)

Link to MDHHS Publications

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

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.](#)

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.