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2022 MIHP May Coordinator Meeting

Registration is open for the 2022 MIHP May Coordinator Meeting. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on May 17, 2022, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. MIHP providers are required to attend the MIHP Coordinator training each year. The purpose of attendance is to learn skills that can enhance home visiting practices, obtain department updates, and engage with current quality improvement needs within home visiting and the Maternal Infant Health Program. Providers are encouraged to extend the meeting invite to an additional staff member. Please see the registration link below for further information. In addition, in lieu of a 2022 Home Visiting Conference, the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative is offering a series of free virtual trainings beginning later this Spring! These virtual training opportunities are optional and MIHP agencies are not required to attend.

[Register Here!](#)

Open Summary Error Message

As previously reported in 2021, occasionally agencies may receive an “open summary” error message when attempting to complete a maternal discharge. This typically happens when there is an open infant summary from a previous pregnancy. If this occurs, go into the infant discharge tab and search by caregiver (via the drop-down box) using mom’s information. You should receive infant discharges entered by your agency associated with mom. There may be “N” by a discharge that is not complete. If you find one, complete it; sometimes it just requires going to the submission page and resubmitting. You will then be able to complete the maternal summary for the current pregnancy.

MIHP Public Health Community Liaison Position

The position of Public Health Community Liaison for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been posted. We are seeking candidates who will work alongside the MDHHS MIHP team to provide program monitoring, consultation, and technical assistance to MIHP agencies and providers. This candidate will also serve as a liaison between MDHHS MIHP and community partners, families, and MIHP providers to improve community engagement efforts. The position will be filled by the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) as an affiliate staff. Please share the link below with your networks or individuals who may be interested in working with the amazing MIHP team. Click on: [Public Health Community Liaison – MIHP](#) to access the posting and instructions for applying.



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

MDHHS New Website Launch

All Providers,

Following the [announcement](#) earlier this year from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB), MDHHS will be launching its updated website on April 22, 2022.

When the new site launches it will look a little different, but the same services and content will still be available. However, the launch of the new site means that you may need to update the bookmarks for the web pages that you frequently visit, such as the [Medicaid Provider website](#).

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. You can contact us and send feedback to Provideroutreach@michigan.gov.



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Proposed Medicaid Policy 2210-Doula

The following proposed policy has been issued for public comment:

- 2210-Doula - Medicaid Coverage of Doula Services

Comments may be forwarded to the e-mail noted on the policy's transmittal sheet.

Proposed Medicaid policies may be accessed [here](#) on the MDHHS website.

- [2210-Doula-P.pdf](#)



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

MDHHS issues RFP for Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Program

Press Release

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MDHHS issues RFP for Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Program

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Grant.

Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes, existing collaboratives, such as Public Health Alliances, Human Services Collaborative Bodies (HSCB's), Family Resource Centers (FRCs), Regional Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (RPQCs), or similar efforts that have established connections in their regions. A single organization may apply for the grant on behalf of a collaborative effort.

The focus of the Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Grant program is to ensure community conditions support healthy living for future generations; and people in Michigan are connected to resources, services and supports that meet their health-related social needs.

MDHHS will prioritize applications that demonstrate efforts that build capacity for public health and community engagement at a regional level.

The award period begins Aug. 1, 2022, and ends Sept. 30, 2022. MDHHS expects to award approximately \$1.8 million to fund approximately five projects. Successful applicants may be awarded continuing funding through Sept. 30, 2023, based upon funding availability and acceptable performance.

Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the EGrAMS program by 3 p.m., May 27, 2022.

For more information or to apply, visit the [EGrAMS website](#) and click the "About EGrAMS" link on the left panel to access the "Competitive Application Instructions" training manual. The complete Request for Proposal document can be accessed on the EGrAMS website in the 'Current Grants' section by clicking the "Policy, Planning & Legislative" link and accessing the "SDOHA-2022" grant program.

- [SDOHA-2022 program RFP NR.pdf](#)

MDHHS reports first influenza-associated pediatric death in Michigan this season

Michigan residents ages six months and older eligible for flu vaccine

PRESS RELEASE: The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed the first influenza-associated pediatric death in Michigan for the 2021- 2022 flu season. The reported death involves a child from Kalamazoo County who contracted Influenza A/H3. Nationally, there have been at least 16 influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported during the current flu season.

“Flu vaccine is a recommended childhood vaccine, and it is important to ensure that children are up to date with all of their vaccines,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive for MDHHS. “Once children reach six months of age it is recommended, they receive two doses of the flu vaccine for their first series. In addition, pregnant women should get the flu vaccine during each pregnancy. Flu vaccine can be given at the same time as other vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine.

Each year, influenza claims the lives of children across the United States. Increases in flu-like illness and hospitalizations are currently taking place in Michigan, which is not typical for this time of the year. MDHHS continues to strongly recommend that everyone six months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. If you haven't received your flu vaccine yet, there is still time to receive it. Flu can be serious and lead to severe illness and hospitalizations. Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent getting the flu and can also reduce the severity of flu illness.

...Read the entire [press release here](#). For more information about the flu, visit www.Michigan.gov/Flu.



CMS Approves Michigan's Extension of Medicaid & CHIP Coverage for 12 Months After Pregnancy

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Michigan can begin offering Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for 12 months after pregnancy to an estimated 16,000 pregnant and postpartum individuals through a new state plan opportunity made available by the American Rescue Plan.

Michigan joins Louisiana, Virginia, New Jersey, and Illinois in extending Medicaid and CHIP coverage for 12 months after pregnancy. CMS is also working with another ten states and the District of Columbia to extend postpartum coverage for 12 months after pregnancy, including: California, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. As a result of these efforts, as many as 720,000 pregnant and postpartum individuals across the United States could be guaranteed Medicaid and CHIP coverage for 12 months after pregnancy thanks to the American Rescue Plan. Medicaid covers 42 percent of all births in the nation, and this new option for states to extend Medicaid and CHIP coverage marks the Biden-Harris Administration's latest effort to address the nation's crisis in pregnancy-related mortality and morbidity, and disparities in maternal health outcomes, by opening the door to postpartum care for hundreds of thousands of people.

On Wednesday, April 12, 2022, Vice President Kamala Harris convened a White House meeting on maternal health with Cabinet secretaries and agency leaders – including CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure – to discuss the Biden-Harris Administration's whole-of-government approach to addressing maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities.

Approval of the Michigan state plan amendment can be found here:
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/spa/downloads/MI-22-0100.pdf>

See the latest White House [Fact Sheet on Additional Actions in Response to Vice President Harris's Call to Action on Maternal Health](#)

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National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is this week! [NIIW](#) is an annual observance highlighting the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. It also coincides with World Immunization Week! This year, it's particularly critical to **ensure that families stay on track for routine checkups and recommended vaccinations following disruptions from COVID-19**. A [CDC report](#) released in May 2020 found a troubling drop in routine childhood vaccination due to families missing many in-person visits during the pandemic. Take note – Michigan MCIR data helped inform this CDC report!

Spread the word about NIIW and the importance of vaccination!

- Check out CDC's [2022 NIIW Digital Media Toolkit](#)
- Resources to support you in discussing the importance of infant vaccines:
 - [Talking to Parents about Vaccines Materials | Conversations | CDC](#)
 - [Spanish Infant and Childhood Vaccine Resources | CDC](#)

April is Autism Acceptance Month

Each year during the month of April, we celebrate Autism Acceptance Month. National Autistic Children's Week was launched in 1972 by the [Autism Society](#). We use the entire month of April to spread awareness, promote acceptance and better include those who are impacted.



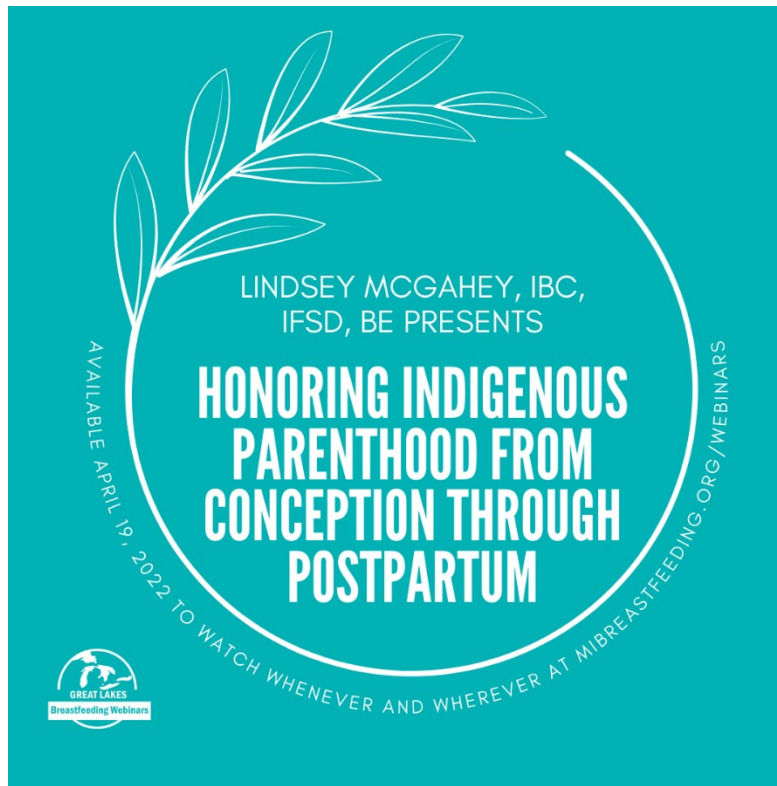
Many people know someone with [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\)](#) or may have personal experience with ASD. It is essential to gain a better understanding of how to support and include people with ASD and their families. Autism affects nearly [one in 44 children](#) and is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. It affects boys four times more often than girls.

In Michigan, [Autism Insurance Reform legislation](#) went into effect in October 2012. Health insurance companies regulated by the state of Michigan are mandated to provide an autism benefit to its insured members covering services related to the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Visit [Michigan.gov/Autism](#) for more information.

[MiNavigator](#) was created to provide professional autism consulting service to Michigan families. MiNavigator is staffed by a team of autism specialists who work one-on-one with each family to help them navigate the system and overcome the many barriers they face when trying to access care and support for their loved one affected by autism.

Pictured above is Julia, a Muppet introduced by Sesame Street as part of their [autism initiative](#).

NOW AVAILABLE: "Honoring Indigenous Parenthood from Conception through Postpartum"



Description from our presenter: "This presentation focuses on the world of birth work and lactation care from the sacred ceremonies of Indigenous conception, pregnancy, birth, postpartum, lactation, and parenting. We will honor a view rarely seen and often buried from Indigenous voices in hopes to further protect these ceremonies as sacred and mitigate the health risks in Indigenous communities by highlighting the importance of 'by us for us' care. Indigenous birthing bodies are sacred. Indigenous birth workers are sacred. Indigenous parenthood is sacred."

Objectives:

- Change the narrative of Indigenous parenting from one of disparity to sacredness.
- Understand cultural boundaries and how you can be a ceremonial protector.
- Examine the power of care as an offering vs care as power and control or abuse.
- Recognize abuse in birth work.

Approved for 1 nurse's contact hour, 1 social work CE hour, 1 dietitian CPEU, 1 Community Health Worker CEU, 1 Certified Health Education Specialist CECH, and 1 CME until April 19, 2023. CERP approval pending.

[Click here to register!](#)

Black Maternal Health & Vaccinations Webinar

The National Minority Quality Forum's (NMQF) Center for Sustainable Health Care Quality and Equity (SHC), along with the Institute for Research on Equity and Community Health (iREACH) and the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), launched a free webinar series that will explore the intersections of total health and vaccinations in historically excluded populations.

April's webinar and microsite will be focused on Black Maternal Health & Vaccinations. Participants will hear from a vaccine expert, OB/GYN, doula, and a pregnant person before moving into an interactive feedback segment. If you would like to register to attend, please do so at the [eventbrite link here](#). Please share this with your networks and community partners.

Date: Friday, April 29th

Time: 12:00pm

Opportunity for Case Management Conference and Continuing Nurse Education

The Michigan State University, Institute for Health Policy's Case Management conference will be held June 1, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. The conference is "**Caring for Individuals with Lasting Conditions: Long COVID and Hepatitis C.**"

This event will provide continuing education credits for nurses. The number of credits is pending. Please share with your networks.

Registration closes May 16th. For more information go to:

<https://ihp.msu.edu/index.php/quality-improvement/2022-case-management-seminar>

Previously Released MIHP Updates

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