

MIHP Bi-Weekly Update

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Reminder: August COP Webinar

Don't forget to register for the Community of Practice webinar on Wednesday August 24th from 9:00am - 10:30am, if you haven't already done so. This month's topic is "MICR and Elevated Lead Levels." To register, click here: [August 2022 Community of Practice Registration](#).

Clarification from August 1st Bi-Weekly Update

The August 1st issue of the Update contained a link to the American Academy of Pediatrics webinar "What's New with the 2022 AAP Breastfeeding Policy?" The link was for registration for the live webinar only. The webinar was recorded, however it has not yet been posted. We will share the link to the recording as soon as it is available. We apologize for the confusion.

Personnel Roster Reminder

MIHP providers are required to submit an updated *Personnel Roster* within 10 business days of any change in personnel, including home visitors and administrative staff. The *Personnel Roster* requirement is listed in the MIHP Operation Guide, section 1, page 8.

The most recent personnel roster must be used and is found on the MIHP website. To access the form, go to [MIHP Policy and Operations](#) and scroll down to Program Administrative Documents.

Health Plan Coordination

MDHHS MIHP staff have been participating in a series of focus groups over the summer with each health plan. Thus far the overall response from the health plans underscore what we have known all along--that program providers are offering excellent service across the state. The health plans have shared their process for referrals and addressing billing concerns, how they ensure network adequacy, and the steps taken when corrective action of a MIHP is needed. Our health plan partners also highlighted and shared examples of MIHP care coordination and the health plan case management collaboration that is occurring to ensure that together we are meeting the needs of the beneficiaries enrolled in MIHP.

MDHHS MIHP would like to take this time to encourage you to attend the quarterly meetings offered by your contracted health plans. This is an opportunity to discuss any billing concerns, health plan incentives, and case management services. Each health plan has assured us that minutes are also provided to contracted agencies, as well as contact information for any billing concerns. As a reminder, form 5650 MHP (Word) *Communication Tool* found on the MIHP website, is required monthly for each plan you are contracted with.

Advisory Group Update

Through a series of previous alerts and outreach, MDHHS MIHP solicited participants to join an Advisory Group to help guide the development of new evidence-based intake and discharge documentation to replace the existing *Risk Identifiers* and *Discharge Summaries*. Thankfully, the response to these outreach efforts has been overwhelming. Representatives from 20 agencies of varying disciplines, service regions, and specializations have agreed to participate.

These individuals were invited to join an informational session to introduce the group facilitators, provide an overview of the group's objective and establish key priorities of the development process. MIHP is grateful for the passion and experience represented through the Advisory Group! While the informational sessions have concluded, there is still an opportunity for you to be involved. For more information about the Advisory Group, please contact HighA@michigan.gov or McGinnisM3@michigan.gov.

Nursing and Social Work Continuing Education

The MSU Colleges of Nursing and Social Work present the 22nd Annual Case Management Conference. The conference is virtual again this year and is on **Tuesday, October 25th**.

The **deadline for early registration is August 31st**.



There is an awesome lineup this year, including secondary traumatic stress and professional well-being for healthcare providers, self-care, and a long-haul COVID update. Important note: Participants will receive nursing and social work credits, including 1.0 contact hour toward Michigan's pain continuing education requirement and 1.0 contact hour for implicit bias training (also meeting state training requirements).

Please [register ASAP](#) to take advantage of early-bird pricing. **Questions?**
Reach out [via email](#) or call (517) 353-3393.



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

MDHHS Press Release: Free COVID-19 Tests

Date: August 10, 2022

Contact: Chelsea Wuth, 517-241-2112, WuthC@michigan.gov

MDHHS announces free COVID-19 tests available for all households through Rockefeller Foundation partnership

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing its expanded partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation through [Project Act](#) to provide 180,000 COVID-19 tests to 36,000 households located anywhere in the state free of charge. Previously, tests were only available in select ZIP codes.

Residents can request the tests through the end of August. Households will receive one kit containing five tests.

“Testing remains both a critical and helpful tool in managing the spread of COVID-19, and reduces the risk of getting infected for our loved ones and neighbors,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “We encourage residents to take advantage of these free tests as many families get ready to head back to school. We are grateful for our partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation to ensure equitable access to tools that prevent COVID-19.”

All households in the state of Michigan can order their free COVID-19 tests through AccessCovidTests.org. Each household will receive one kit with five tests, typically within a week of ordering. Individuals without internet access can contact 211 for assistance ordering tests.

This program is in addition to free at-home tests available through the federal [government partnership with the United States Postal Service](#).

MDHHS continues to partner with libraries across the state to provide free at-home COVID-19 tests to Michiganders. [Click here](#) for a list of participating libraries.

Private health insurers are [required to cover](#) up to eight at-home COVID-19 tests per month for each person covered by a health plan.

For more information about testing, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.

Vaccine Communication Module

A new online vaccine educational module is available for healthcare providers. The module can be viewed from the [Vaccine Education Center's Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals website](#). Viewers can opt to watch it for credit or not. Those choosing to obtain continuing education credits can do so for free, after creating a free account.

- **Title:** Communicating about Vaccines – COVID-19 & More
- **Location:** [edu/vaccine-online-learning](#)
- **Two-hour training** divided into three parts:
 - **Part 1:** Details the dangers of COVID-19 disease, explains the U.S. system to authorize and approve vaccines, and highlights the safety & effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.
 - **Part 2:** Explores best practices in vaccine communication.
 - **Part 3:** Reviews the module, offers additional resources, and explains how to receive continuing education credit or a certificate of attendance.

August is Breastfeeding Month

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has issued a [proclamation](#) declaring August 2022 as Breastfeeding Month.

The proclamation affirms the American Academy of Pediatrics conclusion that “breastfeeding and human milk are the reference normative standards for infant feeding and nutrition,” and that breastfeeding and providing human milk results in improved child and maternal health outcomes for a variety of conditions, including breast and ovarian cancers, serious colds and ear and throat infections, gastrointestinal tract infections, necrotizing enterocolitis, sudden infant death syndrome, asthma, atopic dermatitis, and eczema, celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, obesity, type 2 diabetes, leukemia – many of which disproportionately impact Black, Brown and Indigenous People.

The 2022 National Breastfeeding Month [2022 Theme: Together We Do Great Things!](#) is a celebration of the power and impact of our collective efforts.

View Michigan's observances and events at Michigan Breastfeeding Network:

[August Breastfeeding Month – Michigan Breastfeeding Network \(mibreastfeeding.org\)](http://mibreastfeeding.org)

August 8-14 – [Indigenous Milk Medicine Week: Strengthening Our Traditions From Birth and Beyond](#)

August 15-21 – [Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Breastfeeding Week: Telling Our Own Stories. Elevating Our Voices](#)

August 25-31 – [Black Breastfeeding Week: 10 Years, A New Foundation](#)



Media Campaign Launch

MDHHS MIHP is delighted to announce that a three-month-long marketing campaign to promote MIHP will begin later this month. MIHP and MDHHS Communications, in collaboration with Brogan & Partners, developed a multi-media approach that includes radio and digital ads, Instagram, and featured TikToks. The ads and social media posts will highlight the journey of pregnancy and parenthood, and the availability and willingness of MIHP providers to support the journey. There will be a broad statewide distribution. We would be interested in your feedback. If you happen to naturally see an ad or social media post, please share your thoughts via an email sent to MIHP@michigan.gov. Thank you!

Career Opportunity: Home Visiting Consultant

The MDHHS Home Visiting Unit in the Division of Child and Adolescent Health has an opening for a Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Home Visiting Consultant. This will be an affiliate position, hired through the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). Applications will be accepted until August 25th. For more information on the position, including a link to apply, please use the following: [Career Opportunities: Home Visiting Consultant - Nurse Family Partnership \(3327\) \(successfactors.com\)](#).

Home Visiting Provider Session

Join Prenatal to 5 Fiscal Strategies (P5FS) for a discussion to provide input on the cost of home visiting services in Michigan. P5FS is working with public and private organizations in Michigan to build a home visiting cost model; this cost model will be a tool that models the cost of home visiting direct services. The benefit of such a resource in Michigan is to ensure that the actual cost of home visiting is understood, in order to support increasing investments in the programs. This discussion will focus on program experiences with operations and expenses to inform the home visiting cost model. The model will be used to better understand the true cost of providing home visiting services across the many different models that exist in the state. Some possible topics may include:

- Wages and benefits for home visitors with different types of qualifications
- Wraparound supports for families and home visitors that are needed to provide services
- Program approaches that may differ from national model standards, particularly areas of higher cost programming, such as lower caseloads than national model requirements
- Regional and program model differences in the cost of providing services

When: Sep 7, 2022 11:30am

Register in advance for this meeting: [Register by clicking here.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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://www.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](#).

MDHHS Publications

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

Coordinator Directory

[Please click here to access the most recent Coordinator Directory.](#)

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.