

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



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Cycle 8 Certification Specifications Update

Cycle 8 Certification Specifications guidelines have been revised slightly and posted to the MIHP website. Based on feedback from agencies, the scoring scale has been adjusted to allow for more flexibility for some indicators. For example, a checkbox that may have been missed in a chart could have moved an agency from "met" to "partially met" status. The revised scale allows more latitude for minor errors. For several indicators where certification requirements cannot be "partially met" while ensuring full compliance, that designation was

removed. These changes were made as part of our ongoing effort to ensure that certification reviews focus more on overall quality of service delivery.

HV Conference Model Day Q&A

Below are the answers to questions that were submitted in the chat box during the MIHP Update portion of the Home Visiting Conference Model Day session:

How do you know if we have attended the meeting?

The MDHHS MIHP team will receive a participant list from Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), the conference coordinator, for each session of the conference. You will receive a session completion certificate directly from MPHI, which will be required by MIHP to confirm attendance. Only one representative per agency is required to submit a certificate. As a reminder, agency attendance is required for all three days of the conference.

Will these power points be made available after the event?

Yes, the presentation slides will be posted to the MIHP website on the "Provider Training" page.

What handouts did you say were in other languages?

The family handouts for the "Guidelines for How to Restart In-Person Visits" document have been translated into Arabic and Spanish and are now posted on the MIHP website on the "Policy and Operations" page.

Is the state approving in home visits with covid presently?

Per the "Guidelines" document, regions of the state that are in Phase 4 or higher of the MI Safe Start plan may resume in-home visits.

Why did we stop sending in the pre review information via mail? Emailing it is intensive as well with a lot of scanning.

A few years ago, the MIHP administration at MDHHS made the decision to require all pre-review material be submitted via email. This was done in part to reduce the length of time required to process the material in preparation for certification reviews, but also to reduce the amount of staff time required. Agencies mailed documents to the reviewers, who in turn copied them and mailed them to the MDHHS MIHP office where a staff person had to scan them for permanent electronic storage. For agencies, scanning documents takes the same amount of time as faxing, with the only extra step being emailing them to

MDHHS.

It would be awesome if MIHP came up with their own EHR, especially in lieu of the current circumstances. This would eliminate the need for scanning, emails, etc. Maybe this event would be a great reason to explore this.

Unfortunately, there are no current plans for the state to develop its own EHR/EMR system. However, we are committed to working with existing proprietary systems to ensure that all MIHP documents and forms are fully compatible with EHR/EMR system requirements.

Have the new forms been updated with the signature box on the MIHP provider site? It is still the forms from 6/20 and I don't see any e signature boxes.

All forms were reviewed and modified as needed to add signature boxes where required. If you see a form that does not have a signature box, please notify MIHP right away and it will be corrected.

AAP Updated Guidance for COVID-19

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has published the following three guidance documents as part of its "Critical Updates on COVID-19" series:

[Guidance for Children and Families Involved with the Child Welfare System During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(7/27/2020\)](#): Provides guidance for pediatricians and others who care for children in the child welfare system that affirms that a stable home and caregiver are important to nurturing a child's development and preventing trauma that can affect a child across the lifespan.

[Newborn Care: Guidance for the care of infants whose mothers have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 \(Updated 7/22/2020\)](#): Includes precautions for birth attendants, rooming-in, breastfeeding, testing, neonatal intensive care, visitation and hospital discharge.

[Newborn Screening During the COVID-19 Pandemic \(7/16/2020\)](#): Guidance recommending that pediatricians continue to follow federal and state guidelines on newborn bloodspot screening, newborn hearing screening, and critical congenital heart disease screening.

Smoking and COVID-19

Smoking weakens the immune system and increases the risk of respiratory infections. Not smoking (or using any tobacco products) is one of the best ways to protect and improve health. Now is a great time to help support clients and patients in their quitting journey. New resources are available at [Smoking and COVID-19](#).

National Breastfeeding Month

August is National Breastfeeding Month! The following resources are designed to help you provide the best advice on breastfeeding to your moms and families:

National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) social media toolkit. Join your fellow breastfeeding advocates by celebrating on social media this month to advance advocacy, protection and promotion of breastfeeding to ensure that all families have the opportunity to breastfeed.

NICHQ has pulled together a social media toolkit with ready-to-use graphics and sample social posts for you to use on your own social media channels. Download the toolkit [HERE](#) and tag @NICHQ when you post so we can amplify your reach.

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) webinar: "Unpacking Barriers and Facilitators to Exclusively Breastfed at Hospital Discharge." Exclusive breastfeeding in the first few days after birth is critical for establishing long-term breastfeeding success. However, in the United States, 16.9% of infants are supplemented within two days of life for different reasons, including many that are not medically necessary. In honor of National Breastfeeding Month, NACCHO's Breastfeeding team is hosting a webinar on **Wednesday, August 12th at 1:00pm** to learn more about the barriers and facilitators to exclusively breastfeed.

For more information and to register, follow this [link](#).

Breastfeeding Education Webinar from The Michigan Breastfeeding Network. The Michigan Breastfeeding Network is pleased to announce the next webinar in their series. Registration is now available for you to watch this on-demand webinar. Follow this [link](#) for more information and to register.

Topic: Motivating and Equipping Fathers with Tools for Success

Presenter: Shon Hart, BS

Description: This webinar will not only inspire professionals to become more excited about the work they do, but they will be empowered and equipped with cutting edge and proven practices to impact the families and fathers they serve.

The 2020 Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars will be available for you to watch wherever and whenever convenient for you in an effort to make free continuing education more accessible in response to participant feedback. A new webinar will launch on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and will be available for viewing for 12 months after the initial air date. Each monthly webinar offers continuing education related to lactation, nutrition, social work, and nursing.

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently adopted rules to establish 988 as the new nationwide 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. The rules require all phone service providers to direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

During the transition to 988, Americans who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) and through online chats. Veterans and Service members may reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing 1 after dialing, chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net, or texting 838255.

Achieve OnDemand Webinars

Domestic Violence: Safety Planning - 8/4/2020 at 10:00am-11:00am (CT) As a home visitor, how can you support families impacted by domestic violence to

develop a safety plan? This webinar discusses developing a working knowledge of community resources and collaborating with formal and informal institutions to support families using a strength-based, family-centered approach. This webinar complements the ***Domestic Violence in Home Visiting*** self-paced course.

Trauma for Supervisors: Putting the Pieces Together - 8/12/2020 at 10:00am-11:00am (CT) As a supervisor, how can you support your staff and yourself in an intentional and trauma-informed manner? This webinar discusses the impact of trauma on multiple constituents – children, families, home visitors, supervisors, and communities. We also identify common supervisory pitfalls as well as support strategies designed to improve the outcomes of each scenario. This webinar complements the ***Impact of Trauma in Supervising Home Visitors*** self-paced course.

Being Presenting with Families - 8/19/2020 at 12:00pm-1:00pm (CT) How do our personal values and experiences impact the work we do? The qualities of being nonjudgmental, present and an active listener will be covered as well as some potential barriers to active listening. This webinar complements the ***Basics of Home Visiting*** self-paced course.

Exploring Values and Beliefs around Parenting - 8/25/2020 at 10:00am-11:00am (CT) We all come to the table with our own beliefs about parenting. This webinar covers how to acknowledge and monitor those beliefs and address how they may impact the work we do with families. This webinar complements the ***Foundations of Infant Mental Health in Home Visiting*** self-paced course.

Interested in exploring more of our innovative learning experiences? You can view the schedule and register for all upcoming webinar sessions [HERE](#). Check out all of the available Achieve OnDemand training opportunities [HERE](#).

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