

Maternal Infant Health Program- COVID-19 Related Additional Guidance

MDHHS released Medicaid Policy Bulletin MSA 20-12 on March 18, 2020 which is effective immediately. MSA 20-12 **temporarily** allows Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) providers the flexibility to conduct home visits that are typically face-to-face interactions via telehealth (including telephone, telemedicine, and video technology) to protect the health and welfare of beneficiaries and providers while maintaining access to vital services during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy will be in effect until further notice (in accordance with MSA 20-36). MDHHS will notify providers and stakeholders when MSA 20-12 will terminate.

Documentation Requirements for services delivered via telehealth:

- Verbal consent must be documented (please see MSA 20-09) and written consent obtained at the next in-person visit when possible
- Client Chart documentation must include reason for telehealth visit

Reimbursement for MIHP telehealth-visits:

- For allowable dates of service, the following codes may be billed for MIHP services (please refer to the current MIHP fee schedule for code description and rate):

96167, 96168, 99402, H1000, T1023, S9443

- All MIHP telehealth services (in accordance with MSA 20-09) must be reported with:
 - Place of Service 02 – Telehealth AND
 - Modifier GT – Interactive Telecommunication
- Claims for services provided as **telephone only** require the additional modifier FQ – Audio Only
 - Modifier FQ is reported in addition to modifier GT (in accordance with HASA 22-03)
- Billing and reimbursement will align with provisions of MSA 20-09 as applicable to MIHP. Telehealth Facility Fees are not applicable to MIHP.
- Based on the provider’s judgment, if a beneficiary is seen in person (including home or office setting) please follow normal billing and reimbursement policy
- For telehealth visits that occur when the beneficiary is at home, MDHHS requests providers, as able, include the comment “patient’s home” in the remarks section of a claim

Resources:

MIHP providers play a vital role in beneficiary education related to prevention and transmission of COVID-19. Providers should assess needs of beneficiaries based on current and emerging circumstances in order to provide referrals to local community resources. **MDHHS strongly encourages providers to subscribe to COVID-19 updates from the following resources:**

- **MDHHS:** www.michigan.gov/coronavirus
- **CDC:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>