

## Important MIHP Update- October 23, 2025



### MIHP Car Seat Distribution Program Continues!

MDHHS MIHP is happy to announce that once again we were awarded funding from TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to distribute infant car seats to beneficiaries enrolled in MIHP that are **TANF-eligible**. Car Seat Distribution Grants will be awarded to each Medicaid Health Plan. The goal of the MIHP Car Seat Distribution program is to reduce the likelihood of infant injuries or deaths while riding in a vehicle due to unavailability of an adequate car seat. Medicaid Health Plans will distribute the car seats to their beneficiaries enrolled in MIHP that meet the eligibility criteria. Medicaid fee-for-service clients are not eligible for the car seat distribution program at this time.

**MIHP Provider Process:** MIHP providers will identify enrolled beneficiaries in need of a car seat(s) and provide them with the **attached** Infant Car Seat Distribution Program Self-Declaration of Low-Income and/or Public Benefits form to determine TANF-eligibility. A request may also be submitted for a more appropriate car seat to address a special need. (Please see the Instructions in the form for further details on form completion and eligibility). When the form is completed, providers will send the form by encrypted fax or encrypted email to the beneficiary's Medicaid Health Plan contact noted below to request a seat(s) and plan for its delivery. Seats can be delivered to the family, to the MIHP agency or to the Health Plan for distribution.

**Medicaid Health Plan Process:** The Health Plan Car Seat Program contact will order a seat from their vendor, arrange for delivery, and establish a communication process with each MIHP provider.

**MIHP Provider Follow-up:** After the MIHP provider verifies with the beneficiary or caregiver that they have received the car seat(s), MIHP providers are required to send the form by encrypted fax or encrypted email to MDHHS MIHP. The fax number and a specific email box for the MDHHS MIHP Car Seat Program is listed on the required Car Seat Distribution form. (Please **do not** send the form to the MIHP mailbox.) Please submit the forms monthly **after the agency has received confirmation of delivery**. All MDHHS MIHP Car Seat Program questions may also be directed to [mdhhs-mihp-car-seat-program@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhs-mihp-car-seat-program@michigan.gov).

MIHP Providers will provide educational materials regarding the correct installation and use of car seats and direct families to community resources to ensure correct installation. Agencies will not be responsible for ensuring that car seats are correctly installed, however, verification of correct installation at a community resource should be encouraged, when possible.

There are child passenger safety resources on the MIHP website under the MIHP Initiatives page that includes the required form, a flier regarding the new law that went into effect April 2, 2025, and other resources. [Child Passenger Safety | Car Seat Resources](#)

There is also a “Car Seat Safety” section on the MIHP website under “Education & Information for Families” that provide additional education materials. [Pregnancy, Infant Health & Safety](#)

**This program begins immediately and will end on September 30, 2026, or when a Health Plan’s funding has been exhausted. Please begin identifying TANF-eligible families in need of car seat(s) and submit completed forms to the Health Plans who are ready to launch the program noted in the chart below. We will provide an update when additional Health Plans begin accepting car seat request forms.**

**We look forward to another year of this successful program.**

MIHP Team

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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](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov). For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.