

# Weekly Update

## Maternal Infant Health Program



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**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

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# Quality Corner: Changes in Cycle 8

*This is the second in a series of articles describing the changes that have been made to Cycle 8 Certification.*

The Cycle 8 chart selection process aims to make the selection of charts as standardized as possible. Selection is done using simple random sampling, which presents an unbiased way to select charts for review. Deidentified numbers are assigned to beneficiaries and then run through a random number generator to select the charts for review. However, this step of chart selection is the easiest part of the process. Much goes into this process before the charts that are chosen for review are sent to the agency.

1. The MIHP Data Analyst, Connie Frantz, runs a query in the Michigan Medicaid Data Warehouse to find beneficiaries served by the agency since their last review or the last 18 months, whichever date is closer to the review.
2. The data is “cleaned” to remove beneficiaries with risk identifiers completed before the last review and to remove claims or encounters that were not paid or were rejected for payment.
3. The data is grouped into beneficiaries with a discharge and beneficiaries without a discharge. Beneficiaries without a discharge are counted, and this number is used to decide the number of charts that will be reviewed. The data is grouped into four cohorts: maternal beneficiaries, infant beneficiaries, open charts, and discharged charts.
4. The individual beneficiaries in each group are assigned a deidentified number and the numbers are randomly chosen for review using an online random sequence generator.
5. The number of charts to be reviewed and the number to be requested are different. You will be asked for more charts than will be reviewed in the event one of the charts does not meet established criteria.
  - For agencies with fewer than 100 open cases, 10 charts will be reviewed; 16 charts requested (3 closed maternal, 3 closed infants, 2 open maternal, and 2 open infants).
  - For agencies with between 100 and 300 cases, 10% (10-30) of charts will be reviewed; 16 to 42 charts requested (3-9 closed maternal, 3-9 closed infants, 2-6 open maternal, and 2-6 open infants).
  - For agencies with more than 300 open cases, 30 charts will be reviewed; 42 charts requested (9 closed maternal, 9 closed infants, 6 open maternal, and 6 open infants).

Agencies with paper charts are required to scan or copy all requested charts. The list of charts for review will be emailed early on a Monday morning one to two weeks before the review. Agencies have five business days to scan and send the charts.

All requested beneficiary charts must be sent through encrypted email to [MIHP@michigan.gov](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov) or fax (517-763 0366) by 5:00pm on the required date as stated in the email.

Agencies with an EMR will have the beneficiary names provided to the agency by 8:00am the morning of the review. If the agency has not received the beneficiary names by the beginning of the review, the reviewer will share the list they received.

Questions are welcome and can be sent to the MIHP email.

*Next week: We'll begin to cover revisions in Cycle 8 Certification Review Indicators.*

## Hypertension and COVID-19 Awareness



February is Black History Month, a time for celebrating the achievements of African Americans and to honor the significant role and impact they have made on all facets of life and society throughout U.S. history. During this Black History Month, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) will partner with fellow [Offices of Minority Health at HHS](#) and healthcare professionals around the nation to focus efforts to prepare communities for the COVID-19 vaccine. OMH will also continue promoting safety COVID-19 measures, including washing your hands often, watching your distance from others, wearing a mask and social distancing.

The partnership will also address uncontrolled hypertension, an underlying condition that can worsen COVID-19 outcomes. We invite organizations and individuals to join this effort to build awareness and share accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines, practicing COVID-19 prevention measures and working to monitor, control or lower high blood pressure.

Visit the OMH [Black History Month webpage](#) to learn more about upcoming activities and events and download shareable graphics and other materials. These resources are designed to underscore the importance of identifying symptoms that indicate a spike in blood pressure (hypertension) and proactively working to control it. Controlling high blood pressure while practicing COVID-19 prevention steps can help overcome severe illness and poorer health outcomes related to COVID-19.

## National WIC Association Report



RESEARCH  
POLICY  
PRACTICE

A new [report](#) from the National WIC Association highlights the experiences of WIC providers and stakeholders, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. It lays out the evidence base for WIC, details of WIC's nutrition and breastfeeding services, new innovations in services, health equity priorities, and partnerships with farmers. A Michigan-specific infographic is on page 89 of the report.

## Home Visiting Conference Call for Presentations Deadline Extended



The 2021 Michigan Home Visiting Conference will be held virtually on August 4th and 5th. The goal of this year's conference is to recognize and celebrate the resilience displayed in the community of families and home visiting partnerships as we face the COVID-19 pandemic together. The conference is an opportunity to provide education, connection, and understanding of partnerships with families by focusing on collaborative relationships fostered through the core competencies and knowledge areas for home visiting professionals. The conference focus for this year is STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY. Sessions will focus on challenges and ways that home visitors and families have been able to harness their strengths in order to maintain and grow their partnerships.

A call for proposals to present at the conference was issued previously, with a deadline of February 8th. That deadline has been extended through **February 19th**. The conference planning committee will review all submissions and presenters will be notified regarding the status of their submission by February 26th. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. ***Please note the updated presentation dates of August 4th and 5th.***

For with your submission, please contact Stephanie Rathbun at [srathbun@mphi.org](mailto:srathbun@mphi.org) or 517-324-8373.

**To access the online form, please click the link below.** You may also visit the conference website [www.mhviconference.com](http://www.mhviconference.com) to view a PDF copy of the Call For Presentation before submitting your proposal online.

Click [here](#) to submit your proposal!

## Infant Safe Sleep Video Series

Four videos were created by the Kent County Health Department and the Healthy Kent Infant Safe Sleep Coalition. The people in the videos are not actors, but real moms, dads and grandparents and babies from their community. The videos are available to any organization, agency or individual who would like to educate new parents, grandparents and caregivers on the safest way to sleep baby. Take a look.

**[The ABCs of Infant Safe Sleep in Spanish](#)** Mom and Dad learn about the ABCs of infant safe sleep from the expert, their baby!

**[Infant Safe Sleep with Grandma](#)** Grandma takes charge to set up the pack and play to keep her grandson safe while sleeping.

**[Nighttime Bed Sharing – Dad finds out it’s not safe.](#)** Dad has nighttime duty and thinks bringing baby to his bed is the solution to the crying. Baby knows best and lets her Dad in on it.

**[Putting it All Together](#)** This video includes all three of the safe sleep scenarios. It can be used in a clinic or doctor’s office as a looping video. For more information on Infant Safe Sleep, go to [Michigan.gov/SafeSleep](https://Michigan.gov/SafeSleep). For additional video resources, go to the [Videos You Can Use](#).



## Webinar and Infographic: The Legacy of Racism & COVID-19

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation announces their latest webinar: "COVID-19 and the Legacy of Racism: Vaccine Hesitancy and Treatment Bias," in which leading public health experts explore how to address the legacy of racism in health care and the impact of discrimination and bias on vaccine hesitancy, vaccine access, and COVID-19 health outcomes. This is the third webinar in their series on "[Stopping the Other Pandemic: Systemic Racism and Health](#)."

Click [here](#) to view webinar.

An infographic was designed to highlight the pandemic’s devastating impact on Black, Latino and Native American communities and looks at the role of vaccine hesitancy and access challenges on vaccine uptake rates across the United States. View this infographic to learn more about these challenges and key immediate and long-term strategies to address systemic racism and its health impacts.

Click [here](#) to view infographic.

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## Coordinator Directory

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## 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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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.