

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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Quality Corner: Billing Audits

Billing audits are one of the best ways to ensure accurate billing and adherence to policies and program requirements related to billing. Audits provide information identifying potential billing inaccuracies that can be corrected before an agency is audited by the Office of Inspector General or a Medicaid Health Plan. The audit can show trends that may be the result of biller or staff misunderstanding, allowing for education before the issue becomes problematic. Common billing errors include billing for more than one risk identifier per beneficiary, billing for a professional visit twice on the same day, documenting the incorrect procedure code or place of service code, and the incorrect date of service.

Billing audits ensure compliance but also can show missed revenue. Common items missed include not billing for the *Risk Identifier*, a professional visit billed rather than the *Risk Identifier*, and visits made but not billed.

A Billing Chart Review Tool is available on the MIHP website on the "Certification Documents/Forms" page. This tool provides items to look for during the audit, including:

- Place of service
- Paid amount
- Date of service
- Documentation supporting claim/encounter

May Coordinator Meeting Reminder

Coordinators: The May 6th meeting is approaching quickly. If you haven't already done so, please complete the recent survey you received asking for your selection of the networking topic you would like to participate in. The survey can be found [HERE](#) and must be completed by **Friday, April 30th**. Agency coordinators and staff are expected to participate in the networking sessions.

Note that the networking breakout sessions are limited to MIHP agency coordinators and staff.

Child Abuse Prevention Month



Governor Whitmer has once again designated April as Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month. While we strive to raise awareness about the importance of child abuse prevention each day, CAP Month allows us the chance to spread our shared belief that all children deserve safe, happy, and healthy childhoods. The blue pinwheel, with its childlike whimsy, represents this vision so we continue to promote the symbol in safe, physically distant ways during the pandemic. Please check out the [Facebook](#) page of our partner agency Children's Trust Fund to learn more about CAP Month, find helpful resources, and *Stand Up for Kids* with us by sharing our content with your networks!

Developmental Risk on IDS

When completing an *Infant Discharge Summary (IDS)*, please check the developmental risk box if an infant's ASQ-3 or ASQ:SE-2 scored in the black zone, or if the risk scored out on the *Infant Risk Identifier*. ASQ-3 or ASQ:SE-2 results in the gray zone indicate a need for follow up and addition of the *Plan of Care-2*, but does not necessarily constitute a risk.

The "Absent Black Father" Myth

From the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) "Culture of Health" blog:

The "absent Black father" stereotype has persisted despite [decades of research](#) showing how Black fathers are often more involved with their children's lives than their White and Latino peers. Most importantly, this stereotypical narrative conveniently ignores how Black fathers are greatly impacted by structural racism and the racist policies that lead to fewer employment opportunities and disproportionate involvement in the criminal justice system. Related, Black children experience a multitude of health and economic disparities—also the result of structural racism and racist policies—which are often blamed on the "absent Black father." [A Portrait of Caring Black Men](#) surveyed 209 Black fathers and male caregivers, finding that Black fathers and caregivers actively participate in and value care work.

Other findings include:

- Sixty-nine percent of Black fathers say they comfort, soothe, and emotionally support their children, while 67 percent make meals and feed their kids daily — demonstrating how crucial they are to their families and to their children’s development.
- Eighty-six percent of Black men surveyed assist family members with daily activities such as grocery shopping, housekeeping, and cooking. Almost two-thirds (65 percent) report performing medical-related tasks.
- Overall, 89 percent of Black men surveyed say they find care work satisfying and 87 percent feel respected in their roles.
- Nearly half of Black men (48%) who have cared for a child with special needs or for adults feel burned out.
- Fifty-seven percent of Black male caregivers say that the time needed to meet work demands make it difficult to fulfill their family or personal obligations.

For more "Culture of Health" blogs and additional information from RWJF, click [HERE](#).



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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](#).

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP or by clicking [here](#).

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