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Where can I get more information about MIHPs in my area?

For information:

Go to the Michigan Department of Community Health web page at www.michigan.gov/mihp



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Information for Medical and Social Service Professionals



A program that helps women take care of themselves and their babies.

MIHP is a program for women covered by Medicaid during pregnancy and up to 60 days after birth, and infants covered by Medicaid. Formerly known as Maternal Support Services/Infant Support Services (MSS/ISS), MIHP provides social support, information, and care coordination services to promote healthy pregnancies, good birth outcomes, and healthy infant development.

MIHP programs are certified, monitored, and funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health and are intended to supplement regular prenatal and infant care by medical providers (doctors, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners and physician assistants).

How can MIHP assist me in providing the best possible care for my pregnant and infant Medicaid patients?

MIHP providers are multidisciplinary teams of qualified nurses, social workers, dietitians and infant mental health specialists (if available) who will:

1. Conduct a comprehensive risk assessment across multiple domains, including health risks, smoking, alcohol use, drug use, stress, depression and mental health, social support, abuse/violence, basic needs, breastfeeding, infant development, and infant health and safety.
2. Develop a care plan for your patient, based on your input and the risk assessment results.
3. Communicate with you about your patient's status.
4. Follow-up with your patient through home or clinic visits.
5. Provide care coordination for your patient, including referrals to community services.
6. Provide your patient with access to transportation to medical appointments, WIC, substance abuse treatment, childbirth and parenting education classes.
7. Provide educational interventions for your patient.



How can my staff and I encourage our patients to enroll in MIHP?

You could emphasize that if your patient enrolls, she will have:

- Access to FREE transportation to medical appointments, WIC, and childbirth or parent education classes.
- An experienced health professional who will:
 - Answer her questions about being pregnant.
 - Answer her questions about caring for her infant.
 - Help her get food or a place to live.
 - Help her learn about eating nutritious foods.
 - Help her with any health problems that could affect her pregnancy, such as diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, depression or anxiety.
 - Help her make any health changes that she decides to make, such as quitting or cutting down on smoking, alcohol or drugs.
 - Help her if she's concerned about an abusive/violent person in her life.
 - Answer her questions about family planning (birth control).
 - Connect her with different community services, such as childbirth education classes or baby pantries that give out baby items for free.