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### MIHP Operations Guide Updated

The MIHP Operations Guide has been updated to provide additional alignment with telehealth guidance. The current version [can be found here](#). Updates include the following:

- Removed language regarding requirement for conducting a prenatal and postpartum visit within the home (and removed reference to documentation in the contact log when this does not occur).
- Removed language regarding requirement to conduct at least 80% of infant visits and 90% of infant risk identifier visits within home or community setting.



## Income guidelines for WIC program increased; additional Michigan families may qualify

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### Income guidelines for WIC program increased; additional Michigan families may qualify

Lansing, Mich. – Michigan’s income guidelines for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) have increased and additional families may now qualify for the program.

“The 2023 federal income guidelines reflect a significant increase as of June 1,” said Christina Herring, WIC director. “This is good news for Michiganders as more families may now be eligible for this important program that provides valuable nutritional education and healthy foods.”

family of four may qualify for WIC with an annual income of up to \$55,500, a \$4,162 or 8.1% increase from last year. WIC is open to participants with incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty level.

Updated income guidelines by family size are as follows:

Family Size*	Annual Income	Weekly Income
2	\$36,482	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$1,434

***\*Each expected infant counts as one in the family size.***

***\*For additional family sizes, please visit the [Michigan WIC Income Guidelines](#).***

Individuals who are pregnant or have had a baby within the past six months; are currently breastfeeding; or are the parent or guardian of a child up to age 5, are encouraged to contact their local county health department or WIC agency to apply.

Families who receive Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families already meet the income qualifications for WIC. Families who do not qualify for these programs may still be eligible for WIC due to WIC's higher income limits.

WIC is a federally funded United States Department of Agriculture program administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. It serves low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. WIC provides nutrition education, supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support and referrals to health care.

For more information, visit the [Women, Infants & Children](#) website. Contact WIC by calling 800-942-1636 or via email at [michiganwic@michigan.gov](mailto:michiganwic@michigan.gov).

- [WIC income requirements change NR.pdf](#)

## Plan First Bulletin

Plan First family planning services will be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2023. The Plan First program will expand access to family planning services and supplies, across the state, to those who do not qualify for other Medicaid programs.

It is the goal of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to ensure that family planning services are available and accessible to every eligible individual. Please share with families you believe may be eligible.

[Final Bulletin MMP 23-36-Plan First.pdf](#)

## May Coordinator Meeting Q & A – THANK YOU!

On behalf of the MDHHS MIHP team, it was an absolute pleasure to meet in-person with providers from across the state. The 2023 May Coordinator meeting responses have been posted on the website on the Provider Training Page. Thank you for taking the time to submit written questions regarding the May Coordinator Training and Telehealth Guidance. This allowed the MDHHS MIHP team to cross reference both Medicaid Policy and MIHP Operations Guidance to ensure that you have the most appropriate answers to your questions. Your submission also allows our team to provide information to your colleagues statewide who may have attended other meetings.

Your questions and feedback are invaluable to the growth and development of future program guidance. As always, please continue to send in your questions and inquiries to [mihp@michigan.gov](mailto:mihp@michigan.gov).

## MIHP Telehealth Q & A for Providers

The MIHP Telehealth Questions Answers for Providers 05.12.23 version and the MIHP Operations Guide will be updated by June 16, 2023 to reflect answers to provider questions that were submitted as requested by May 31, 2023. There will be an entry in the Biweekly Update or via an MIHP Important Update when the new version is posted.

## June Community of Practice Reminder

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, 9:00  
AM 10:30 AM, Supporting Parents who are Neurodiverse  
[Click here to register for the June 28th COP](#)



## LGBTQIA+ Training for Healthcare Professionals



UPHP is partnering with [The Fenway Institute](#) to bring a LGBTQIA+ health care training series to our network of healthcare professionals. Expand your understanding and familiarity with LGBTQIA+ concepts, health considerations, implicit bias, and best practices for providing affirming, healthful patient experiences.

May & June  
6-Session Virtual Series  
1 CME Available **per Session**

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Please reach out to [communications@uphp.com](mailto:communications@uphp.com) with any questions.

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[UPHP is partnering with The Fenway Institute to bring a LGBTQIA.pdf](#)

## Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

### June

June 19th--Juneteenth

(Biweekly Update will be delayed by one day)

### July

July 4<sup>th</sup>

# June Celebrations and Awareness Causes

## June is Pride Month



June is Pride Month! This month-long celebration is an opportunity to celebrate the very human and very beautiful spectrum of gender and sexuality, all while coming together to fight for widespread equality and justice in the LGBTQ+ community.

Although Pride Month has become known for beautiful, boisterous rainbow parades throughout the country (and some [not-so-aesthetically-pleasing merch from major corporations](#)), the LGBTQ+ community celebrates this month in honor of a long, tumultuous history towards equal rights in the United States.

### ***First: What is Pride Month's history and origin?***

Celebrating Pride cannot happen without acknowledging its roots. [Pride Month](#) honors the [1969 Stonewall Uprising](#) in Manhattan. This uprising was a tipping point for the gay liberation movement in the U.S, as police raided a gay bar in New York City and its patrons fought back.

At this point in history, “homosexual acts” were illegal across the country (except for Illinois), and these raids on LGBTQ-inclusive spaces were not uncommon, according to [History.com](#). However, this June night in 1969 — and the weeks following — LGBTQ+ activists (primarily trans women of color, like the iconic [Marsha P. Johnson](#), [Sylvia Rivera](#), and [Miss Major Griffin-Gracy](#)) were at the forefront of these riots, demanding justice.

[To read the full article please click here.](#)

## Previously Released MIHP Updates

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

## Bi-Weekly Update Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly Update, [please submit your ideas here](#).

## MDHHS Publications

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## Coordinator Directory

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