



Primary Care Review

The latest news, views, and announcements
from Michigan Multipayer Initiatives

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Michigan Multipayer Initiatives (MMI) convenes payers, practices, and Physician Organizations to align policies to support the transformation of primary care and improve care value, equity, quality, and patient experience in Michigan. To be added to our distribution list, send an email with "Add Me to Newsletter Distribution" in the subject line to multipayerprimcare@med.umich.edu. Our website is at <https://mimultipayerinitiatives.org/>. To share an idea or ask a question, please contact Diane Marriott (dbechel@umich.edu or 734 740 0511).

2023 Primary Care First (PCF) National to be Held May 16th and 17th

CMMI has announced that the annual meeting for Primary Care First (PCF) practices will take place virtually this year May 16 and 17 from 11 to 3 ET each day. PCF practices and team members are eligible to attend. Details are available at the PCF 2023 Annual Meeting [website](#) where you can also find out how to submit a poster, propose a presentation that uses data to tell your story of performance improvement, or invite patients to share their stories about how working with your practice has made a difference in their lives and their care.

MDHHS Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Summit Highlights

MDHHS held a three-day SDoH Summit in late January to highlight and communicate the great work across the state in better understanding and meeting the needs of people with health-related social needs. These ranged from groups tackling gaps in housing, food assistance, transportation and so much more. Several excellent keynotes included downloadable slide decks and other resources that MDHHS has graciously permitted that we share, including:

- Kelly Cronin
- A session on [Multipayer Social Care and SDoH Collaboration](#) that provides an overview of the work that BCBSM, Priority Health, and Health Alliance Plan are doing via MMI in collaboration with MDHHS to promote aligned, evidence-based social care policies.

Public Health Emergency Expiration Date of May 11, 2023, Announced

The Biden Administration has announced that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023. The PHE had been in effect since January 2020 and permitted additional flexibility to Medicare policies to provide for the many changes necessary to assist with continuity of care and access

to care during the pandemic. Michigan Multipayer Initiatives has been working with its participating payers and MDHHS to promote aligned post-PHE policies to decrease administrative burden, leverage the growing body of telehealth evidence, and protect against inappropriate use of.

In addition, the MDHHS has been preparing for the PHE expiration through its unwinding process. This will include changes impacting Medicaid program eligibility, benefits and policies. The MDHHS PHE Benefit Changes [website](#) is a helpful resource to better understand the upcoming changes and their implications.

MDHHS Launches County Level Substance Abuse Vulnerability Index

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has launched a new tool, the [Michigan Substance Use Vulnerability Index \(MI-SUVI\)](#), to help stakeholders inform efforts to address substance use issues specifically facing their communities. The index identifies Michigan's most vulnerable counties as Oscoda, Wayne, Clare, Schoolcraft and Oceana.

The MI-SUVI provides community-level estimates of substance abuse vulnerability. The tool is unique because it incorporates factors such as overdose mortality, a community's access to resources, the impact of nonfatal overdoses, and social determinants of health.

With the national opioid settlement now finalized, the state of Michigan is slated to receive nearly \$800 million over eighteen years. Half of this amount will be sent directed to county and local governments. The MI-SUVI can serve as a resource to guide decisions about the use of settlement funds.

The Case for Aligning Quality Measures

Health Affairs article

MiHIN Updates SDoH Use Case Specifications

MiHIN has revised and updated their 2022 SDoH Screening Use Case specifications. The [updated use case specifications](#) expand response options to describe patient sex (gender), revises screening domains to align with the Gravity Project, and capture additional elements to include screening provider name and NPI as well as the screening tool (e.g., PRAPARE, PROMIS, etc.) LOINC code.

The Training Corner

To better serve you, we have expanded the array of care management and team-based care training sessions. We are fortunate to have MiCMT, Mi-CCSI, MiCHWA and PTI to provide expert training on important topics in primary care. Here is a summary of their upcoming training sessions.

Michigan Institute for Care Management and Transformation (MiCMT) - Training and Webinar Announcement

A list of upcoming trainings, including live webinars, can be found in the News and Events section of MICMT's website: <https://micmt-cares.org/events>. For an at a glance view, please find the event calendars and event flyers in the "News" section [here](#). Questions and concerns can be shared at <https://micmt-cares.org/contact>.

The Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement (Mi-CCSI) - Training and Webinar Announcement

This on demand program 12-module series provides practical guidance to care teams seeking to elevate the level of care provided to patients with substance use disorder (SUD). The odd-numbered modules in this series are focused on clinical best practices. The even-numbered modules in this series are focused on operational aspects of office-based addiction treatment (OBAT) and include interviews from practice, where practices who have implemented the materials covered in that module provide testimonials via brief interviews.

LEARN MORE HERE: https://www.miccsi.org/training_event/sud-learning-series/

Additional training programs can be found in the "TRAINING" section of Mi-CCSI website:

LIVE VIRTUAL TRAININGS: <https://www.miccsi.org/upcoming-live-training-events/>

ON-DEMAND WEBINARS: <https://www.miccsi.org/recorded-training-events/>

Or to select by Topic, simply go to:

1. www.miccsi.org
2. Hover over "TRAINING"
3. Select offering by name from dropdown menu

Practice Transformation Institute (PTI)

A list of upcoming trainings can be found in the Events section of the PTI's website: <https://transformcoach.org/events/>. Current offerings include Introduction to Team Based Care, Foundational Care Management Codes and Billing Opportunities, Patient Engagement, Palliative Care, and Unconscious Bias in Health Care.

- [Save the Date: HIE 2023](#)

MiCHWA

Community Health Worker Certification Training – 100% Virtual Training

- January 10 - March 1, 2023 | Tuesday & Wednesdays | 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM EST
 - [MiCHWA Training Flyer January 2023](#)

- April 11 - May 31, 2023 | Tuesday & Wednesdays | 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM EST
 - [MiCHWA Training Flyer Apr 2023](#)

The curriculum is designed to train front line workers to provide culturally responsive services in Michigan communities. The 126 training hours include 25 hours for independent self-study.

[Register HERE](#). For more information contact: Holly Joseph hjoseph@dhd10.org | 231-316-8558