

Complete Update

For Blues Medicaid providers

August 2022



March of Dimes: Breaking Through Bias™ In Maternity Care provider training

Blue Cross Complete has partnered with the March of Dimes® to offer **Dismantling Bias in Maternal and Infant Healthcare™ training on September 9, 2022**, at **no cost** to participating providers. Attendees can earn continuing medical education or continuing nursing education credits upon completion of the training session. **Credits will count toward Michigan implicit bias training requirements.**

As we work together toward solutions to help reduce disparities in the communities we serve, providers are encouraged to attend. The session provides actionable tools, awareness, education and enriched dialogue surrounding implicit bias and Black maternal health.

Providers will have the option to select from a virtual, instructor-led training, facilitated by March of Dimes, or self-paced e-learning. The virtual, live, instructor-led training will be hosted on Friday, September 9, 2022.

Providers interested in attending the live training are encouraged to register early as availability is limited. The e-learning sessions will be available in October and accessible until the Spring of 2023. To register, visit marchofdimes.zoom.us. If you have questions, contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or call Blue Cross Complete Provider Inquiry at **1-888-312-5713**.

August is national breastfeeding month

Breastfeeding is the best source of nutrition for most infants, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It can also reduce the risk for certain health conditions for both infants and mothers.

Most mothers want to breastfeed, but stop early due to lack of ongoing support. Certain factors make the difference in whether and how long infants are breastfed. Having support along the way can help ease the challenges breastfeeding sometimes presents.

Pregnant members and infants get their primary maternal/infant health services through our Bright Start program or through a certified MIHP provider. Services are intended to supplement regular prenatal and infant care and help providers manage the member's health and well-being. For information on how to access MIHP services or to refer a

Blue Cross Complete member for pregnancy management services, providers should call **1-888-288-1722**.

Michigan moms are encouraged to contact a [Michigan WIC](#) breastfeeding peer counselor or WIC breastfeeding specialist for breastfeeding information and support.

For information to assist your patients during the infant formula recall, visit the Michigan Women, Infants & Children program at michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/wic.

Keep vaccinating for COVID-19

As a reminder, children ages 6 months and up are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently authorized emergency use of the Moderna and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19 to include use in children down to 6 months of age.

The Moderna series is two doses given 28 days apart for children ages 6 months through 5 years.

For children 6 months through 4 years, the Pfizer series is three doses – two doses given three weeks apart, then a third dose at least eight weeks after the second dose. For ages 5 and older, the Pfizer series is two doses given 21 days apart.

Blue Cross Complete provides COVID-19 vaccine coverage under the pharmacy benefit for eligible members. Members ages 6 months and older can receive their COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses at no cost.

Parents of children younger than 5 are encouraged to get their vaccine from their primary care provider, local health department or federally qualified health center.

Members 5 years and older who get their first COVID-19 vaccine before September 30, 2022, qualify for a \$50 care card reward.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit michigan.gov. To check the COVID-19 transmission levels in your community, visit the CDC's [COVID-19 County Check](#).

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