



# Health Plan Quarterly

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Comments from the patients you serve

Thank you to the physicians who have made the Mid-Michigan Health Plan possible. The Mid-Michigan District Health Department receives "client satisfaction surveys" from individuals utilizing health department services, including those participating in the Mid-Michigan Health Plan. Here are just a few comments collected in the past few months from MMHP patients:

*"Everyone is always very pleasant. Thank you for all your dedication."*

*"With the help of the MMHP, my medical bills will be kept up to date. I will be able to receive the medical*

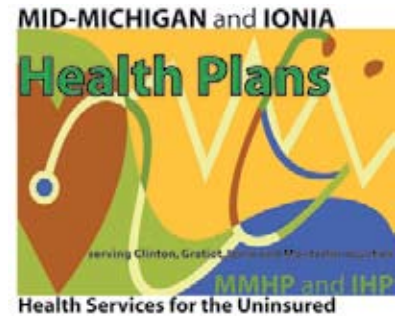
*help the doctors want to keep my illness stable.*

*Thanks so much for this opportunity."*

*"This plan is very important to people who have no insurance and can't afford any. Thank you."*

*"You provide a great service. It's very helpful to know you are here to help others in time of need."*

Thank you, again, providers! You are making a difference in many lives by participating in the health plan!



## New drug/medication formulary

The following represents changes to the drug formulary. The following medications will be added to the formulary, effective for medications prescribed or filled on or after February 1, 2007:

### Plan B (currently only on the Plan A formulary):

- Cipro (antibiotic)

### Plan A & B: (currently available with prior authorization to Plan A members only):

- Permethrin 5% cream (for scabies)
- Methotrexate (anti-inflammatory)
- Benazepril HCL & Enalapril/HCTZ 10/25 (anti-hypertensives)
- HFA inhalers

### Plan A only (currently only available with prior authorization):

- Tramadol (non-narcotic analgesic)
- Lovastatin 40 mg (lipid lowering)
- Levimir insulin (long-acting insulin)

### The following medications will be deleted from the formulary for both Plan A and B:

- Indomethacin 75 mg SA (anti-inflammatory)
- BD syringes and lancets

## Recent Enrollment Numbers

Enrollment totals for the Mid-Michigan Health Plan as of October 6, 2006 are as follows:

**Plan A:** 709 clients enrolled

**Plan B:** 714 clients enrolled, 406 on a waiting list

**Prescription Discount Program:** 2, 552 clients

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

Billing: 517-887-4436 or 866-715-3702, option 2  
Ingham County Advantage: 866-291-8691, option 8  
Member Services: 517-887-4465 or 866-291-8691  
Provider Services: 517-887-4502 or 866-715-3702.

## OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Mid-Michigan Health Plan is to act as a vehicle to provide access to organized systems of health care and to improve the health status of uninsured persons in Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia and Montcalm counties.*

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# Michigan First Health Care Plan to expand coverage and reduce costs

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's Michigan First Health Care Plan, which was first announced in her 2006 State of the State Address, will address factors that drive health care costs up, make affordable insurance products available to individuals, and make insurance more affordable for small businesses to provide their employees.

"This plan will provide a quality product at an affordable cost, create incentives for business, and help bring down health care costs for everyone," said Granholm. This plan will extend affordable health care to all Michigan citizens by:

- creating an affordable private market health care product for individuals and businesses sub-

- sidizing care for those who can least afford it
- creating incentives for businesses to offer coverage to their employees
- reducing the overall cost of health care delivery by expanding technology and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Stay tuned for progress and how MMHP/IHP will be affected.

## MEET OUR MMHP/IHP ADVISORY BOARD

The Mid-Michigan Health Plan (MMHP) merged with the Ingham County Health Plan in 2003 to reduce administrative costs. Ionia County implemented a local health plan in 2005, becoming part of the Ingham Health Plan Corporation as well as part of the MMHP Advisory Board. The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) provides administrative support to the

MMHP program. Community leaders serving on the MMHP-IHP Advisory Board include:

**Jan Baszler**, *Director*, Michigan Department of Human Services

**Edward Bruun**, *President and CEO*, Clinton Memorial Hospital

**Donald Burns**, *President*, Montcalm Community College

**Tom Hazlewood**, *Vice President*, EightCAP

**Lisa McCafferty**, *Health Officer*, Ionia County Health Department

**Patricia Nelson**, *Executive Director*, Gratiot

Area Chamber of Commerce

**Rex A. Rimmel**, *DO*, Ithaca, retired

**George Rutherford**, *Interim CEO*, Ionia County Memorial Hospital

**Kimberly Singh**, *Health Officer*, MMDHD

**Barbara Sluka-Zumsteg**, *Associate Director*, Capitol Area Community Services

**Bruce Traverse**, *CEO*, Carson City Hospital

**Craig Zeese**, *Executive Director*, Gratiot County Commission on Aging



## HEALTH PLAN ADVISORY BOARD 2006-07 GOALS

In the summer of 2006, the Mid-Michigan Health Plan/Ionia Health Plan Advisory Board approved a "Goals & Actions Work Plan" to enhance the effectiveness of the health plan. Some goals, many of which have already begun to be implemented, include providing presentations about the health plan to community leaders, providing health plan updates at meetings of other groups at which key stakeholders are present, and strengthening existing partnerships by identifying and addressing current issues that may hinder provider participation. We welcome your feedback, as a provider, regarding the work plan's goals, and your ideas for improving the program.

An upcoming goal in the work plan involves setting up a focus group in each county, targeting low-income residents in order to engage plan enrollees in a way that allows us to learn what their current perspectives and needs are, and how the health plan has impacted them.

Another goal is to increase the size of the MMHP/IHP Advisory Board to include new partners, uninsured consumers and stakeholders. If you are interested in serving on this important advisory board, please contact Kimberly Singh at 989-831-3614.

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