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A bipartisan coalition of seventy-three current and former legislators held a press conference on the steps of the State Capitol this summer. They were demanding an explanation for the upcoming medical care reimbursement cuts contained in the 2019 Auto No-Fault reform act that will be applied retroactively to Michigan drivers. As a result, the legislators have signed onto a legal brief in support of a lawsuit in the Michigan Court of Appeals that questions the constitutionality of changes set to go into effect on July 1, 2021



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The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) is a chapter of the Washington, D.C.-based Paralyzed Veterans of America. A Congressionally chartered veterans service organization, MPVA has been assisting veterans with spinal cord injuries or diseases, including Multiple Sclerosis and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), in Michigan since 1961.

MPVA programs include:

- Veterans' Benefits
- Wheelchair Sports and Recreation
- Spinal Cord Injury Research
- Equipment Donation
- Advocacy to eliminate architectural barriers and protect civil rights for persons with disabilities
- Referral Services for assistive devices, housing, employment and transportation
- Literature on a variety of topics including self-care, independent living, and disability rights.
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President's Report

By: Michael Harris, President, MPVA

“We Can’t Wait” Facebook Group Rally at the State Capitol

For months, advocates and survivors of catastrophic auto accidents fought against a no-fault auto insurance reform that cut money for certain specialized rehabilitation services.

The new changes in the law took effect July 1, 2021 without a legislative fix but the fight is long from over!

Michigan no-fault insurance reform was meant to lower car insurance costs across Michigan, but the legislation also cuts money for rehabilitation services, medical procedures, and specialized programs for survivors of serious car accidents.

Beginning July 1, 2021, reimbursement from insurance companies for healthcare services provided to auto accident survivors, not covered by Medicare, will see a 45% cut under the fee schedule laid out in the 2019 law.

Care provided by family members will also be capped at 56 hours per week. In hospitals, those fees are generally covered by Medicare, which means the biggest impact is on specialized rehabilitation programs, which often do not take place in hospitals.

These changes, many current post-acute care providers say, will either put them out of business or require them to stop providing services to auto accident patients. Car accident victims fear they will lose access to high-quality specialized care.

On June 9, 2021 I attended a rally at the State Capitol, along with other automobile accident survivors with catastrophic injuries, expressing our concerns to changes to Michigan No-fault that goes into effect July 1.

The rally followed months of grassroots advocacy work led by a group of auto accident survivors, their families,

and healthcare providers that organized in a Facebook group called *We Can't Wait*. The Facebook group was the idea of Peg Campbell, who's sister, Barbara Schon, was seriously injured in an automobile accident twenty years ago.

Their main goal was to organize and raise awareness of the impact loss of services will have on them personally when their loved one loses access to quality medical care. This will happen when the next phase of the auto no-fault reform bill goes into effect.

There is only one way right now to fix this colossal mistake. Legislators need to take up and pass the legislative fixes proposed in HB 4992, SB 314 & HB 4486.

The legislation would resolve the reimbursement provisions for rehabilitation clinics and other non-Medicare compensable services. The fee schedule fixes create rate schedules that will allow Michigan providers to continue providing services and will not leave the catastrophically injured without the care that they rely on. This would provide a technical fix to the fee schedule problem and not make sweeping changes to law.

Lawmakers file brief in lawsuit over upcoming no-fault auto changes

In a historic effort, a bipartisan coalition of 73 current and former legislators that voted in favor of the legislation held a press conference on the steps of the State Capitol to explain that they never intended for the upcoming medical care reimbursement cuts contained in the 2019 no-fault reform act to be applied retroactively.

They have signed onto a legal brief in support of a lawsuit currently in the Michigan Court of Appeals that questions the constitutionality of changes set to go into



effect on July 1, 2021 as part of Michigan's auto-no-fault reform. They stated in their legal brief that they did not intend for the two key provisions in the 2019 no-fault insurance law to be applied retroactively.

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) has gone on record in support of the lawsuit.

MPVA members paid their premiums on time, in some cases for decades, before an auto accident disrupted their lives. At the time, their no-fault coverage guaranteed that all necessary medical care in case of a catastrophic auto accident would be provided for as long as it was needed.

Their policies required reimbursement for all reasonably necessary attendant care services, regardless of the identity of the attendant care provider, and all reasonably necessary products, services, and accommodations—regardless of any government-imposed fee schedule. These were the benefits in place of the date of their accident.

Now our State government is retroactively altering those rights in violation of the pre-existing contractual obligations between the injured individual and their insurance company. MPVA believes that the retroactive application of these two main provisions to individuals injured in an automobile crash prior to the date the new law went into effect is unlawful.

The Michigan Catastrophic Claim Association (MCCA) has now amassed a \$23 billion balance to provide for the care guaranteed under their contract with no transparency. There is a lot of talk about transparency in Lansing these days, but it does not extend to the MCCA.

This raises huge questions as to what would happen to these surplus funds if these two provisions were applied retroactively.

Approximately 18,000 Michigan residents are currently receiving some form of care, from rehabilitation services to 24/7 attendant care for injuries sustained in a car accident.

Advocates: Tell your lawmaker to enact a meaningful, long-term solution to the fee Schedule.

During the most recent legislative session, several House and Senate bills were introduced that offered long-term,

budget-neutral solutions enabling the continued care of auto accident survivors without changing any other aspect of the insurance law, including consumer cost protections. Unfortunately, none of those bills got so much as a hearing.

Instead, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 28, which simply does not provide a viable solution. It unnecessarily utilizes taxpayer dollars for a problem created by a draconian government-mandated price fix. Instead of a long-term solution that reasonably taps into the \$23 billion in the MCCA, which every driver has paid into, SB 28 creates a \$25 million "assistance fund" for providers that they cannot begin to access for months, and only after overcoming a series of bureaucratic hurdles. Plus, it falls roughly \$350 million short of the funding needed. Most detrimentally, it keeps the fate of accident survivors hanging in the balance. In short, it is too little and too late.

Please tell your legislator to return to the table and enact a meaningful, long-term solution when they return to work in the fall. This new cap on reimbursements throws patients and their families into disarray by jeopardizing their quality of life and ability to recover. It also harms the bottom line of small businesses and has already resulted in closures and job losses for frontline workers.

MPVA will not stand by and let the legislature deprive the critically injured of the care they need and deserve. We will continue to engage with all necessary stakeholders, both within our network of supporters and beyond it. We owe it to all Michigan residents who have been or will be seriously injured in automobile accidents in the future to find meaningful solutions that maintain the integrity of the program. To sit back and do nothing is unacceptable!!

The Michigan Legislature has the power to right this wrong while still maintaining the objectives set forth with the auto insurance reform of 2019. For survivors of catastrophic auto accidents waiting is not an option!

This is a reprint of the letter I sent out on June 15, 2021 to Michigan legislators that serve on the House & Senate Insurance Committee calling on them to protect access to the care for veterans with spinal cord injuries and all seriously injured accidents survivors.

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) was asking them to solve the inequity that PA 19 of 2019 has created that could force some post-acute rehabilitation clinics, home health agencies, transportation services, and other non-Medicare compensable services across the State out of business or unable to accept patients covered under auto no-fault if the fee schedule reimbursement are not properly addressed.

For MPVA, health care is not a political issue. In many cases, it is literally a matter of life and death. We are unconcerned with partisan arguments or political affiliations. We simply want our legislators to get it right. They need to be honest about what is working, what needs fixing and how to fix it:

June 16, 2021

Senator Tom Barrett
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RE: Without a fix to the PA-21 Fee Schedule which takes effect July 1, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans will lose access to needed care.

I am writing this on behalf of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) to express my concern over access to care that current and future accident victims will have for their recovery, rehabilitation, safety, and health if the new no-fault fee schedule issue is not immediately addressed.

To prevent a statewide catastrophic loss of specialized care and services, MPVA urges you and the Michigan Legislature to address this problem by passing legislation, HB 4992, SB 314 (and its counterpart HB 4486), any of which will offer viable solutions to remedy this pending health crisis facing our state.

We implore the legislature to act so thousands of vulnerable citizens are not displaced and left with no practical or equitable substitution for the specialized care they are receiving in residential and community-based settings. These specialized services are not available in nursing homes or other long-term care settings and the staff in these new settings have not been trained to meet the unique needs of people with traumatic injuries and in

some cases, resulting behavioral issues.

Medical providers, particularly those who care for the most severely injured, such as spinal cord injury victims, brain injury victims, and those with other complicated and comprehensive medical care needs, are now faced with the reality that, after July 1, 2021, their reimbursement amount could be cut by as much as 45%.

Any small, mid-sized, or large business likely could not survive on 45% less revenue than the year before.

Our members were promised lifetime PIP benefits at the time of our automobile accident and have not been given the whole truth about no-fault reform. Yes, technically one can say that people still have lifetime PIP benefits, but the long-term care benefits will be paid at 55 percent going forward, which removes true access to long-term care. These benefits do not have value if there is not a care provider to accept the extremely low payment.

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Their policies required reimbursement for all reasonably necessary attendant care services regardless of the identity of the attendant care provider and all reasonably necessary products, services, and accommodations regardless of any government-imposed fee schedule. These were the benefits in place of the date of their accident.

Now our State government is retroactively altering those rights in violation of the pre-existing contractual obligations between the injured individual and their insurance company. MPVA believes that the retroactive application of these two main provisions to individuals injured in an automobile crash prior to the date the new law went into effect is unlawful.

MPVA members know firsthand, from personal experience, that recovery from a spinal cord injury (SCI) involves significant challenges and important choices; and where an individual goes for treatment can make all the difference. Our members have been able to pursue physical therapy, at clinics of their choosing, without artificially imposed caps on visits typical of

most insurance plans. This has allowed our members to have access to the necessary resources, expertise, and equipment needed to build strength, gain function and mobility, and maximize independence.

Because of Michigan No-fault, we have more accredited facilities, programs, and professionals here in Michigan than anywhere else in the United States. Just as important, a cutting-edge spinal cord/brain injury rehabilitation industry has been created allowing Michigan to become a spinal cord/brain injury rehabilitation center of excellence which has allowed our citizens to return to their communities as productive citizens. All of this is truly our legacy that everyone in Michigan should embrace.

The Michigan model for no-fault auto insurance was designed to make patient care the priority. What is the value of such a policy if it does not have the coverage and resources you will need if you are seriously injured in an automobile accident and have nowhere to go? It has no value. Therefore, it is insulting for insurance companies to take citizens money and give them no value in return.

Long-term care providers do not just provide care to people seriously injured in an automobile accident, but to others in the disability community like seniors, veterans, and persons with other serious injuries, such as COVID-19. The loss of these services will impact far more than auto injury patients.

It is not too late for legislators to *“Fix the Fix”* — to ensure this new plan will protect the thousands of current auto accident victims and so many yet to be injured in the future. President Kennedy, while speaking before the American Newspaper Publishers Association, stated the following, *“An error doesn’t become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.”* Let take what President Kennedy said in 1961 and apply it to the debate currently taking place regarding the unattended consequences that were created with the passage of Public Act 21 of 2019.

Legislation (HB 4992, SB 314 & HB 4486) has been introduced that would resolve the reimbursement provisions for rehabilitation clinics and other non-Medicare compensable services. These fee schedule fixes create rate schedules that will allow Michigan providers to continue providing services and will not leave catastrophically injured without the care that they

relied on. Each provide a technical fix to the fee schedule problem and do not make sweeping changes to law.

MPVA has no interest in putting insurance companies out of business. They provide a valuable service. But we owe it to all Michigan residents who have been and/or will be seriously injured in automobile crashes in the future to find meaningful solutions that maintains the integrity of the program while at the same time reduce rates.

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Legislators need to solve the inequity that PA 19 of 2019 has created that could force some post-acute rehabilitation clinics, home health agencies, transportation services, and other non-Medicare compensable services across the State out of business or unable to accept patients covered under auto no-fault if the fee schedule reimbursements are not properly addressed.

The services provided by these facilities and providers are heavily relied on by accident victims and their families. Without them, both current and future patients will have severely limited access to the quality treatment they not only need but deserve.

The Michigan Legislature has the power to right this wrong while still maintaining the objectives set forth with the auto insurance reform of 2019. For survivors of catastrophic auto accidents waiting is not an option!

Sincerely,

Michael F Harris

Michael F Harris, President
Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America





Executive Director's Report

By Jaclyn Kochis, Executive Director, MPVA

Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame is Back!

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) Foundation are organizations that work to promote a better quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injuries and disabilities. One of the ways that the MPVA and RIM Foundation have carried out their mission is through adaptive sports and recreation. An exceptional program that empowered that initiative was The Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame.

Originally established by Tony Filippis Sr., the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame was the first organization of its kind and has recognized over 100 exceptional individuals since 1999. Over the past few years, the Hall of Fame has been on hiatus. Now, through the combined efforts of the MPVA and the RIM Foundation, the Hall of Fame event will be relaunched in a new and unique way to exclusively honor our Michigan novice and experienced athletes with disabilities. The Hall of Fame will take place for the first of many annual recognition events during the summer of 2022.

During these unique times, it is increasingly important that we commit to recognizing and engaging disabled athletes. Proceeds from the Hall of Fame will go on to support the RIM Foundation and MPVA's athletic programs which include:

- Sending a team of paralyzed veterans to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Supporting disabled athletes competing in the Detroit Free Press Marathon
- Enabling Michigan's Wheelin' Team 457 to host and compete in a variety of disabled sporting events annually

- Sending the Detroit Wheelchair Pistons to the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in June 2021.
- Supporting the SportsAbility team to participate in Thunder In the Valley, an Olympic style tournament.
- Expand Dance Mobility™, a wheelchair ballroom dance program.

Please email me at jkochis@michiganpva.org to inquire about the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame. You can also learn more by watching a video on the Hall of Fame produced by Burke Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1S3FjjiC8o>





Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Supervisor, Greg Morris, presented Michael Harris, MPVA President, with a medal from the Novi Virtual Memorial Day this summer! This virtual race has raised nearly \$700 for the MPVA's mission in the last two years!





Veterans' News

Photo: Stephanie Strickland, Senior National Service Officer

Clothing Allowance Announcement

Presented By Stephanie Strickland, PVA National Service Officer and written By: Fred Downs, PVA Prosthetics Consultant

Friendly reminder that the VA Clothing allowance form is due by **August 1st, 2021**.

Clothing Allowance Announcement Benefit Applications -Clothing Allowance, applications should be submitted to the local facility by email, fax, or regular mail. Please contact your local facility for clothing allowance applications, **submission deadline is August 1st**.

Eligibility:

Veterans who are rated for a service-connected disability for which he or she uses prosthetic or orthopedic appliances may receive an annual clothing allowance. The allowance is also available to Veterans whose service-connected skin condition requires prescribed skin medication that irreparably damages the Veteran's outer garments.

Entitlement:

VHA will determine:

- If the Veteran is eligible to apply for the benefit;
- Must meet certain service-connected disability criteria certified by VBA's Compensation Service
- Outlined in 38 CFR 3.810
- Whether the orthopedic appliance / prosthetics;
- Guide of Orthotic and Prosthetic items that commonly impacts outer garments
- Whether the skin medication for the service connected skin condition causes irreparable staining to the Veterans outer garments;
- Guide of Skin medications that commonly causes irreparable staining to outer garments

- How many locations and which outer garments are impacted (e.g., shirt, pants, skirt, blouse)

For further clarification, examples of processes and procedures, please refer to [VHA Handbook 1173.15](#)

Annual Benefit Amounts

For the special benefit amount for clothing allowance, see the [2021 Special Benefit Allowances Rates | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

Clothing Allowance Applications

The application for the Annual Clothing Allowance can be downloaded from [VA Form 10-8678 Application for Annual Clothing Allowance](#).

Applying for Benefits

All Clothing Allowance Applications forms are to be submitted to the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS) at the VA Medical Center closest to you on or before August 1 of each calendar year.





PAVING THE WAY TO INFORMATION WEBINAR



When: Thursday, August 26, 2021

Where: Via Zoom—

Register in advance for this meeting by emailing:

jkochis@michiganpva.org

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Time: 1:00 PM EST

Cost: Free



Presented By:



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Government Relations & Advocacy

By Robin Bennett, Development Coordinator.

MPVA Webinars Discuss Accessibility, COVID, & the ADA

The pandemic of 2020 has highlighted many issues in Michigan, as well as throughout the country. Some universal accommodations have been good for everyone, like more curbside service and telehealth options. However, for people with disabilities and access concerns, isolation and inaccessibility have been put into sharp focus.

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In early 2021, MPVA was awarded a grant from ADA Michigan, an affiliate of the Great Lakes ADA Center, to highlight how the pandemic has influenced the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). We chose to educate our members and people with disabilities in Michigan on two important topics. The first webinar—which took place in late May 2021—dealt with what the ADA has to say about access rights that have affected people during this challenging time. The second, upcoming webinar—scheduled for Thur., August 26, 2021—will deal with what the ADA has to say about the increasingly important issue of digital accessibility, as well as assistive technology.

We have chosen to engage in these conversations with businesses, organizations, and individuals with disabilities through two webinars, because this allows us to reach as many people in Michigan where they're at, in a safe manner, and it allows the information to be later accessed through links to recordings, the first

of which you can find included.

Information on how to register for the next webinar, *Paving the Way: Access to Information*, is below.

Highlights from May Webinar: ADA 101 & COVID

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) purpose: eliminate discrimination & expand integration
- Title I: Employment— details how all parts of the employment process (from application to on-the-job) are to be free from discrimination for an individual with a disability
- Title I goes on to add provisions for “reasonable accommodations” for an employee with a disability to do their job effectively
- COVID-19 temporarily reshaped the landscape of employment; some of which became beneficial to workers with disabilities as work from home policies were used. However, as the country moves out of the “pandemic mode”, it becomes important to advocate both for these improvements to remain, while also educating businesses that having employees work from home is not a replacement for physical accessibility
- While some adaptations, like work from home, worked well for some, the unemployment rate for the workforce with disabilities saw almost

a double % increase as compared to employees without disabilities during the pandemic

- Both Title II: Public Services & Title III: Public Accommodations rely on the integration and mandates certain physical accessibility
- The MPVA turned to the Great Lakes ADA Center to discuss how Title III: Public Accommodations has continued to call on business to meet the requirements of providing equal access to goods and services during the pandemic
- The Great Lakes ADA Center also helped us engage in conversation surrounding “reasonable accommodations” to employees with disabilities being asked to wear masks or receive vaccinations, if they are unable to do so
- Digital accessibility was briefly talked about in this webinar, as it is increasingly an issue taken up by the ADA, and will be further expanded upon in the August 26 webinar

- There are good lessons to learn from the adaptations and accommodations that had to be made across Michigan for the health and safety of all consumers that will continue to directly impact people with disabilities. The presenters discussed ways to advocate, educate, & participate

We invite all MPVA members, associate members & their friends, family, and allies to register for our next webinar—Paving the Way: Access to Information—on August 26 at 1 PM. You can register by emailing Jaclyn Kochis at: jkochis@michiganpva.org. We ask you to also please share the registration info widely with any interested businesses, organizations, or individuals with or without disabilities. We thank you in advance!



Throwing in the towel on an old motorcycle that won't run or looking to get rid of an ATV? In all situations, Paralyzed Veterans of America's Wheels Helping Warriors Vehicle Donation program is a perfect outlet for your generosity. It's easy to donate. Be sure your title is on hand, fill out the online form at PVA.careasy.org or call (877) 900-8387 (877-900-VETS). We will schedule the pickup free of charge and donors receive a tax deduction for the donation.



Sports & Recreation

By: Ray Brown

Free Fishing Weekend in Michigan



A group photo at our June 12th Free Fishing Weekend!

Two weekends a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premier outdoor activities(fishing for free). All fishing license fees are waived for two days. Even the State Park Passport is free during June (for summer) and February (for winter).

Volunteers and disabled fishermen were hosted to great day. Trophies, lunch, and new friendships made the day a hit and everyone enjoyed a great day of fishing.

See ya on the water Cause this is how we roll!!

For years, Wheelin' Team 457 has teamed up the Michigan Chapter of PVA to host a one day Tournament. This year was Saturday June 12th at Otter Lake.





Tom Beck of Flint with a beautiful trophy he received.



The Spirit Award being shown off!




Pontoons are an easy way to add comfort to a long day on the water for our wheelchair users!



Picture Perfect


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Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hubbard and his young daughter join him for the last few steps of a 23 mile march he did with Sgt. First Class Jason Holley and Sgt. First Class Russell Tansey in order to raise funds for the MPVA!

July/August 2011


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Michael Harris, MPVA Executive Director, takes a moment to reflect at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden's POW/MIA Memorial site. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is on September 16, 2011.

September/October 2011

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The 2011 Detroit Free Press Marathon Wheelers get ready to set out onto the 26.2 mile course through Detroit and Canada on Sunday, October 16, 2011
Photo By: Kelly Whalen

November/December 2011

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MPVA Board Director, Teresa Kamphorst, gets a golf lesson from Scott Millman of The Simple World of Golf at MPVA's Open House on April 12, 2012.

May/June 2012


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Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hubbard is joined by his daughter, Ali, as he finishes a 23 mile march he completed in support of the MPVA on May 19, 2012!

July/August 2012

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Scot Severn, MPVA Sports Director, wins bronze medal in 2012 Paralympic Games
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Melissa Stockwell, 2012 Salute to Veterans Gala Keynote Speaker, shares her compelling story
Photo Courtesy of: Bill Lane

January/February 2013


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This photo was captured by Brenda Wheaton, MPVA Administrative Assistant, while vacationing this past winter at The Hammocks Springs Wildlife Park in Florida. The park acts as a rehabilitation center for injured or disabled animals that would not be able to survive in the wild.

March/April 2013

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MPVA Members take time out from playing baseball to present the Plymouth Miracle League with a donation while sharing their outstanding facility during the MPVA's 2013 Membership Picnic

September/October 2013



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Adaptive Wheelchair Softball Clinic:

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) and the Miracle League of Plymouth are hosting an Adaptive Wheelchair Softball Clinic:

When: Thursday, July 29th

Where: Bilkie Family Field - Miracle League of Plymouth
357 Theodore St, Plymouth, MI 48170

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Cost: Free

How to Register: Please register in advance by emailing mdixon@dmc.org and kmacudzi@dmc.org

This clinic is ideal for athletes who are ages 12+ and who have: a spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D), may have limited physical movement (or amputation) in their arms or legs, and those who rely on a wheelchair for mobility. We encourage athletes to bring

a baseball mitt, water, and sunscreen. The RIM Foundation will be providing guided adaptive wheelchair softball lessons and equipment. The Miracle League will be offering up their complete accessible field! The MPVA will be providing beverages and pizza! We will have you covered—so join us!



MPVA Picnic:

When: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Where: Bilkie Family Field - Miracle League of Plymouth
357 Theodore St, Plymouth, MI 48170

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Cost: Free

How to Register: Please register chapterhq@michiganpva.org by August 20th

Join us for accessible baseball! The MPVA will be providing beverages and pizza! We will have you covered—so join us!

