

Alabama Medicaid Agency

Postpartum Extension, Dental Coverage, & Other Changes

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Today's Agenda

- Agency Updates
 - ACHN Return to Normal Operations
 - Evaluation and Management (E&M) Procedure Code Reimbursement
 - Proposed Active Cancer Treatment
- Maternal Health
 - Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)
 - Proposed 12-month Postpartum Extension
- Dental Coverage for Adult Pregnant Recipients

Agency Updates

Barry Cambron, Health Systems Deputy Commissioner





Updates from Medicaid

- **ACHN return to normal operations**
 - Hybrid model of care coordination delivery (i.e., face-to-face and telephonic), effective 10/1/2022
- **Evaluation and Management (E&M) Procedure Code Reimbursement**
 - Effective October 1, 2022
 - Agency Provider ALERT to be released
 - Increase does not exceed ACHN or Bump rates
- **Active Cancer Treatment Office Visits Increase from 14 to 32**
 - Effective January 1, 2023
 - 32 Visits annually when recipient is receiving cancer treatment
 - More details to come

Maternal Health

Bakeba Raines, Health Systems Director





Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)

- Evidence-based, community health program with over 40 years of evidence showing significant improvements in the health and lives of first-time moms and their children living in poverty
- Vision: A future where all children are healthy, families thrive, communities prosper, and the cycle of poverty is broken
- Key Goals:
 - Improve Pregnancy Outcomes
 - Improve Child Health and Development
 - Improve Economic Self-Sufficiency of the Family



Why NFP?

- NFP has a long track record of consistent and substantial maternal outcome improvements
- Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation predicts that NFP can produce the following outcomes (when it achieves scale in Alabama):
 - 25% decrease in smoking during pregnancy
 - 33% decrease in maternal hypertension
 - 25% decrease in closely spaced births (*birth within 15 mos. of previous birth*)
 - 15% decrease in first pre-term birth
 - 48% decrease in infant mortality* (*NFP follows family for 24-mos. postpartum*)
 - 34% decrease in ED utilization
 - 10% decrease in Medicaid expenditures
 - 14% improvement in fully vaccinated (at age 2)
 - 12% increase in breastfeeding



NFP Outcome Measures-Alabama

- Timeliness of prenatal care and postpartum visit
- Contraceptive care
- Screening for clinical depression and follow up
- Decrease in number of low weight births
- Developmental screening completed
- Timeliness of well-child visits



NFP in Alabama

- Medicaid covered service effective July 1, 2022
- Currently one enrolled provider-UAB



Postpartum Extension

- Proposal submitted to CMS for postpartum extension from 60 days to 12 months
- Waiting for approval

Dental Coverage for Pregnant Adult Recipients

Dr. Danny Rush, Director of Dental Program





Dental Coverage for Pregnant Adult Recipients

- Effective October 1, 2022
- Reimburse for dental services rendered to pregnant adults over age 21
- Coverage will be effective during pregnancy and through the end of the month of 60 days postpartum when rendered by Alabama Medicaid enrolled dental providers



Dental Reimbursement Requirements

- Verify the recipient's eligibility:
 - Documentation of verification must be kept in the recipient's dental record
 - Obtain an attestation (self report) from the recipient that she is pregnant or postpartum
- Attestation must include:
 - Recipient's signature
 - Date
- Copy must be kept in the recipient's dental record



Dental Reimbursement Requirements

- Render the dental services
- File D9999 to the claim when billing for services (this pregnancy indicator must be on the claim for it to be paid)
- Submit the claim



FAQs

Q: Who is eligible to receive this adult dental benefit?

- All pregnant adult recipients who are 21 years and older, AND
- Have current full, pregnancy or emergency Medicaid eligibility.
- Pregnant adults who have emergency coverage will only be eligible for emergency dental services.
- Pregnant women with hospital presumptive eligibility (aid category PW) will only be eligible for ambulatory (walk-in) services. Inpatient services will not be available for aid category PW.



FAQs

Q: How will I tell if the recipient has coverage?

- Provider must verify the recipient's eligibility prior to rendering services
- Directions for verifying eligibility - Provider Billing Manual, Chapter 3
 - (Verifying Recipient Eligibility, Section 3.2: Confirming Eligibility)
- Provider Manual:
https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/Gated/7.6.1G_Provider_Manuals.aspx



FAQs

Q: If they have Medicaid coverage, how do I know if the recipient is eligible for the dental benefit?

- Pregnant adult recipients with full or emergency Medicaid coverage should inform the dental provider that they are pregnant
- This attestation must include the recipient's signature, the date the attestation was signed, and must be obtained annually.
- Documentation to support the attestation must be kept in the recipient's medical record.



FAQs

Q: Do recipients with Emergency Medicaid only have dental coverage?

- Yes, but only for emergency treatment
- Non-emergency treatment (elective) is not covered
- Documentation to support the emergency treatment must be kept in the recipient's dental record



FAQs

Q: How do I get reimbursed/paid for these services rendered to eligible pregnant adults?

- Provider must submit a claim to Alabama Medicaid with D9999 appended to the claim for payment processing



FAQs

Q: Will health clinics be reimbursed for these services rendered? If so, what do I put on the claim?

- Yes! Health clinics (including federally qualified health clinics) enrolled as Alabama Medicaid providers can be reimbursed for these services
- Health clinics must include at least one treatment code and procedure code D9999 on the claim to be eligible for reimbursement



FAQs

Q: What treatment codes are covered?

- Refer to the dental fee schedule at:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/Gated/7.3G_Fee_Schedules.aspx



Provider Contacts

- **Providers with billing questions should contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-688-7989**
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Questions?

Please ask questions that are applicable to today's meeting topics only.

If you have questions that are unrelated, please email:

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A recording of this meeting will be posted on the Agency's YouTube Channel and a link will be placed on the Maternity and Dental Program webpages.