

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**Providers May Use Mother's Medicaid ID When Submitting Claims
for Newborns**

Background:

This MCO Notice is in accordance with House Bill 3940, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

Key Details:

MCOs are reminded that if a newborn child of a Medicaid recipient has not yet been assigned a Medicaid identification number, the provider may accept and use the mother's Medicaid ID on any claim for reimbursement under the Medicaid program.

MCOs are also encouraged to educate mothers or prospective mothers of newborn children that they may use the mother's Medicaid identification number until the newborn child is enrolled in Medicaid and assigned a separate Medicaid ID to receive services. This provision helps ensure that newborns have timely access to covered services while enrollment processing is completed.

HHSC is issuing this annual MCO Notice to Texas MCOs that regularly provide services to pregnant women and newborn children. MCOs should share this information with appropriate staff.

Additional Information:

MCOs are further reminded that the Information for Parents of Newborns resource pamphlet, and A Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy Children resource guide is available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/maternal-child-health/maternal-and-child-health-publications>. These publications will be updated soon with information on Medicaid benefits for newborns, eligibility requirements, the application process, and how to report a child's birth for enrollment.

A new written notice will inform parents and caregivers that the newborn is automatically eligible for Medicaid and that the mother's Medicaid ID number may be used by providers for billing purposes until the child is assigned a separate Medicaid ID.

Revised materials are forthcoming. MCOs are encouraged to check back periodically for updates.

Resources:

Policy or Operational Documents:	House Bill 3940, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025
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