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To all beneficiaries enrolled in a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP): for questions about benefits and services available on or after implementation, please contact your PHP.

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This clinical coverage policy has an effective date of **December 1, 2020**; however, until the end of the public health emergency, the temporary coverage and reimbursement flexibilities enabled by NC Medicaid through a series of **COVID-19 Special Medicaid Bulletins** will remain in effect.

**Related Clinical Coverage Policies**

Refer to <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/> for the related coverage policies listed below:

1E-5 *Obstetrics*

**1K-7, Prior Approval for Imaging Procedures**

1E-7, *Family Planning Services*

1E-4, *Fetal Surveillance*

1-H, *Telehealth, Virtual Patient Communications, and Remote Patient Monitoring*

## 1.0 Description of the Procedure, Product, or Service

The Pregnancy **Medical Home (PMH) Management Program (PMP)** (formerly **Pregnancy Medical Home - PMH**) is a care program with a set of mandatory standards and clinical initiatives aimed at improving the quality of pregnancy care, improving maternal and infant outcomes and reducing health care costs. **services are defined as** The PMP encourages adoption of best prenatal, pregnancy, and perinatal care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

managed care services to provide obstetric care to a pregnant Medicaid beneficiary with the goal of improving the quality of maternity care, improving birth outcomes, and providing continuity of care. The PMPH seeks to engage the participation of any provider that is eligible to bill NC Medicaid (Medicaid) for obstetric services. Unlike the PMH program, there is no enrollment requirement for the PMP. All providers eligible to bill NC Medicaid (Medicaid) for obstetric services are considered participating PMP providers. Case Management services are provided for a pregnant Medicaid beneficiary who is determined to be high risk and qualify for services.

A key feature of the PMP is the continued use of the standardized screening tool to identify and refer women at risk for an adverse birth outcome to the Care Management for High-Risk Pregnant Women (CMHRP) program, a more intense set of care management services that will be coordinated and provided by Local Health Departments (LHDs). Together, these two programs will work to improve the overall health of women and newborns across the state.

Similar to today, all PMP providers will be required to ensure appropriate coordination with LHD care managers for the sub-set of their practice population who receive CMHRP services.

To allow the **PMH/PMP** to stay abreast of **PMH/PMP** beneficiary medical needs, **LHD care managers** **NC Medicaid's designated vendor** shall provide the **PMH/PMP** alerts, including: emergency department (ED) visits, visits to a specialist, missed appointments, and etc.

### 1.1 High-Risk Pregnancy Definition

A pregnancy that threatens the health or life of the beneficiary or fetus, often requiring specialized care.

**Note:** Refer to **Subsection 3.2.2b(e)** Risk Factors Related to High-Risk Pregnancy

**Note:** The qualified **PMH/PMP** provider shall adhere to documented guidelines in clinical coverage policy 1E-5 *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>.

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## 2.0 Eligibility Requirements

### 2.1 Provisions

#### 2.1.1 General

*(The term “General” found throughout this policy applies to all Medicaid and NCHC policies)*

- a. An eligible beneficiary shall be enrolled in either:
  1. the NC Medicaid Program (*Medicaid is NC Medicaid program, unless context clearly indicates otherwise*); or
  2. the NC Health Choice (*NCHC is NC Health Choice program, unless context clearly indicates otherwise*) Program on the date of service and shall meet the criteria in **Section 3.0 of this policy**.
- b. Provider(s) shall verify each Medicaid or NCHC beneficiary’s eligibility each time a service is rendered.
- c. The Medicaid beneficiary may have service restrictions due to their eligibility category that would make them ineligible for this service.
- d. Following is only one of the eligibility and other requirements for participation in the NCHC Program under GS 108A-70.21(a): Children must be between the ages of 6 through 18.

#### 2.1.2 Specific

*(The term “Specific” found throughout this policy only applies to this policy)*

- a. **Medicaid**  
None Apply.
- b. **NCHC**  
NC Health Choice (NCHC) shall not cover **PMH PMP**. A NCHC beneficiary, ages 6 through 18 years of age, who becomes pregnant shall be transitioned to another appropriate Medicaid eligibility category that includes pregnancy coverage, if eligible.

#### 2.1.3 Regular Medicaid

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>.

#### 2.1.4 Medicaid for Pregnant Women

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>. Prior approval for an MPW beneficiary as documented in **Subsection 5.1** in clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/> is effective for the **PMH PMP**.

#### 2.1.5 Undocumented Aliens

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>.

#### 2.1.6 Presumptive Eligibility

Section 1920(b) of the Social Security Act allows for a pregnant woman who is determined by a qualified provider to be presumptively eligible for Medicaid to receive ambulatory antepartum care, including pharmacy, laboratory, and diagnostic tests, while her eligibility status is being determined.

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The pregnant woman shall apply for Medicaid no later than the last day of the month following the month she is determined presumptively eligible. If the pregnant woman fails to apply for Medicaid within this time period, she is eligible only through the last calendar day of the month following the month she is determined presumptively eligible. If the pregnant woman applies for Medicaid within this time frame, she remains presumptively eligible for Medicaid until the local department of social services makes a determination on her application.

In the case of a woman who does not file an application by the last day of the month following the month during which the provider makes the determination, the presumptive eligibility period ends.

**Note:** Presumptive eligibility is limited to one presumptive eligibility period per pregnancy.

**2.1.7 Retroactive Eligibility**

Refer to *NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide*:

<https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-manuals.html>

**2.2 Special Provisions**

**2.2.1 EPSDT Special Provision: Exception to Policy Limitations for a Medicaid Beneficiary under 21 Years of Age**

**a. 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r) [1905(r) of the Social Security Act]**

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a federal Medicaid requirement that requires the state Medicaid agency to cover services, products, or procedures for Medicaid beneficiary under 21 years of age **if** the service is **medically necessary health care** to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem] identified through a screening examination (includes any evaluation by a physician or other licensed practitioner).

This means EPSDT covers most of the medical or remedial care a child needs to improve or maintain his or her health in the best condition possible, compensate for a health problem, prevent it from worsening, or prevent the development of additional health problems.

Medically necessary services will be provided in the most economic mode, as long as the treatment made available is similarly efficacious to the service requested by the beneficiary's physician, therapist, or other licensed practitioner; the determination process does not delay the delivery of the needed service; and the determination does not limit the beneficiary's right to a free choice of providers.

EPSDT does not require the state Medicaid agency to provide any service, product or procedure:

1. that is unsafe, ineffective, or experimental or investigational.
2. that is not medical in nature or not generally recognized as an accepted method of medical practice or treatment.

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Service limitations on scope, amount, duration, frequency, location of service, and other specific criteria described in clinical coverage policies may be exceeded or may not apply as long as the provider's documentation shows that the requested service is medically necessary "to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition" [health problem]; that is, provider documentation shows how the service, product, or procedure meets all EPSDT criteria, including to correct or improve or maintain the beneficiary's health in the best condition possible, compensate for a health problem, prevent it from worsening, or prevent the development of additional health problems.

**b. EPSDT and Prior Approval Requirements**

1. If the service, product, or procedure requires prior approval, the fact that the beneficiary is under 21 years of age does **NOT** eliminate the requirement for prior approval.
2. **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** about EPSDT and prior approval is found in the *NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide*, and on the EPSDT provider page. The Web addresses are specified below.

*NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide:*

<https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-manuals.html>

EPSDT provider page: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>

**2.2.2 EPSDT does not apply to NCHC beneficiaries**

**2.2.3 Health Choice Special Provision for a Health Choice Beneficiary age 6 through 18 years of age**

NC Medicaid shall deny the claim for coverage for an NCHC beneficiary who does not meet the criteria within **Section 3.0** of this policy. Only services included under the NCHC State Plan and the NC Medicaid clinical coverage policies, service definitions, or billing codes are covered for an NCHC beneficiary.

**3.0 When the Procedure, Product, or Service Is Covered**

*Note: Refer to Subsection 2.2.1 regarding EPSDT Exception to Policy Limitations for Medicaid Beneficiaries under 21 Years of Age.*

**3.1 General Criteria Covered**

Medicaid and NCHC shall cover the procedure, product, or service related to this policy when medically necessary, and:

- a. the procedure, product, or service is individualized, specific, and consistent with symptoms or confirmed diagnosis of the illness or injury under treatment, and not in excess of the beneficiary's needs;
- b. the procedure, product, or service can be safely furnished, and no equally effective and more conservative or less costly treatment is available statewide; and
- c. the procedure, product, or service is furnished in a manner not primarily intended for the convenience of the beneficiary, the beneficiary's caretaker, or the provider.

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### 3.1.1 Telehealth Services

As outlined in Attachment A, select services within this clinical coverage policy may be provided via telehealth. Services delivered via telehealth must follow the requirements and guidance set forth in Clinical Coverage Policy 1-H: Telehealth, Virtual Patient Communications, and Remote Patient Monitoring.

## 3.2 Specific Criteria Covered

### 3.2.1 Specific criteria covered by both Medicaid and NCHC

None Apply.

### 3.2.2 Medicaid Additional Criteria Covered

#### 3.2.2.1 Antepartum Care

Antepartum care shall be covered **in accordance** **according to** **with** clinical coverage policy #1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>.

#### 3.2.2.2 Individual Antepartum Services

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for additional information on coverage of Evaluation and Management (E/M) services and individual antepartum care.

#### 3.2.2.3 Counseling

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information on counseling services.

#### 3.2.2.4 Fetal Surveillance Testing

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-4 *Fetal Surveillance* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information on fetal surveillance services.

**Refer to clinical coverage policy 1K-7, *Prior Approval for Imaging Procedures* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information for obstetric ultrasounds and other imaging services.**

#### 3.2.2.5 Risk Factors Related to High-Risk Pregnancy

The **PMH** **PMP** model designates certain pregnancy risk factors as “priority” risk factors for the purposes of ensuring the beneficiary with these risk factors is assessed by a care manager. Refer to **Attachment B** for a list of current risk factors. This list does not represent a comprehensive list of indications for which a beneficiary would receive case management, nor is it the complete list of the risk screening for which **PMH** **PMP**'s are responsible.

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**3.2.2.6 Pregnancy Risk Screen and Care Management**

The Pregnancy **Management Program** **Medical Home** provider shall complete risk screening on all pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries participating in a **PMHPMP**. The screening must be completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, **physician assistant** or registered nurse. All pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries determined to be high-risk after screening shall receive case management in proportion to the level of their identified need as determined through assessment by a pregnancy care manager **in the Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancy Program (CMHRP)**.

**3.2.2.7 Pregnancy Care Management Services**

- a. Pregnancy care management services must begin with the initial assessment and continue as long as the need exists during the pregnancy.
- b. Pregnancy care management services may begin in the postpartum period if not identified during the antepartum period. Pregnancy care management services shall end on the last day of the month in which the 60th postpartum day occurs.
- c. If the beneficiary is receiving case management services at the time of the referral, the new pregnancy care manager and the current care manager shall determine who shall be the lead care manager with the beneficiary during the pregnancy.
- b. Pregnancy care managers shall work in partnership with **PMH PMP** providers to ensure proper care of the beneficiary during the pregnancy.
- c. The pregnancy care manager shall refer an MPW beneficiary at the end of her postpartum Medicaid eligibility period to the Family Planning (FP) program.
- d. For a beneficiary with **full-regular** Medicaid, the pregnancy care manager shall ensure that the beneficiary is referred back to her original provider of care prior to the pregnancy. If she does not have a health care provider, the pregnancy care manager shall assist in connecting the beneficiary to a primary care provider of her choice.

**Note:** Refer <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information on other Medicaid services.

**3.3 Package Services**

Refer to clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics* at, for information on antepartum package, global obstetrics, and postpartum package services.

**3.4 Referrals**

**Current Primary Care Provider (PCP) guidelines require a Carolina Access (CA) beneficiary to receive a referral before seeing a specialist. Guidelines for PMH PMP providers are as follows:**



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- a. ~~Referrals to PMH PMP providers to initiate obstetric care shall only be necessary if the beneficiary is enrolled in CA.~~
- b. ~~Prior approval requirements for an MPW beneficiary still apply.~~
- c. ~~If a PCP and the PMH PMP is the same provider and the beneficiary becomes pregnant, no referral is necessary.~~
- d. ~~If the PMH PMP and the PCP are different providers and the beneficiary is enrolled in CA, the beneficiary needs a referral from the PCP to be seen by the PMH PMP.~~
- e. ~~If the beneficiary is not enrolled in CA, no referral is needed to initiate obstetric care at a PMH PMP.~~
- f. ~~If the beneficiary is enrolled with a CA PCP, a referral is required from the PCP to see a specialist.~~
- g. ~~If the beneficiary is not enrolled in CA, the beneficiary does not need a referral to see a specialist.~~

## 4.0 When the Procedure, Product, or Service Is Not Covered

*Note: Refer to Subsection 2.2.1 regarding EPSDT Exception to Policy Limitations for Medicaid Beneficiaries under 21 Years of Age.*

### 4.1 General Criteria Not Covered

Medicaid and NCHC shall not cover the procedure, product, or service related to this policy when:

- a. the beneficiary does not meet the eligibility requirements listed in **Section 2.0**;
- b. the beneficiary does not meet the criteria listed in **Section 3.0**;
- c. the procedure, product, or service duplicates another provider's procedure, product, or service; or
- d. the procedure, product, or service is experimental, investigational, or part of a clinical trial.

### 4.2 Specific Criteria Not Covered

#### 4.2.1 Specific Criteria Not Covered by both Medicaid and NCHC

None Apply.

#### 4.2.2 Medicaid Additional Criteria Not Covered

None Apply.

#### 4.2.3 NCHC Additional Criteria Not Covered

- a. NCGS § 108A-70.21(b) "Except as otherwise provided for eligibility, fees, deductibles, copayments, and other cost sharing charges, health benefits coverage provided to children eligible under the Program shall be equivalent to coverage provided for dependents under North Carolina Medicaid Program except for the following:
  - 1. No services for long-term care.
  - 2. No nonemergency medical transportation.
  - 3. No EPSDT.
  - 4. Dental services shall be provided on a restricted basis in accordance with criteria adopted by the Department to implement this subsection."

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## 5.0 Requirements for and Limitations on Coverage

*Note: Refer to Subsection 2.2.1 regarding EPSDT Exception to Policy Limitations for Medicaid Beneficiaries under 21 Years of Age.*

### 5.1 Prior Approval

Prior approval is not required.

### 5.2 Ultrasounds

PMH providers are not required to obtain prior approval for any obstetrical ultrasound. Refer to **Attachment D** for a list of exempt ultrasound procedure codes.

Certain ultrasound procedures require medical necessity indication, such as a known or suspected fetal anatomic or genetic abnormality and can only be performed by specific providers. Refer to **Attachment A, HG “Reimbursement.”**

~~h. For all other high-tech imaging procedures, the PMH provider shall obtain prior approval before rendering the imaging procedure. Refer to clinical coverage policy F1K-7, *Prior Approval for Imaging Procedures* at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information on obstetric ultrasounds and other imaging services.~~

### 5.3 Program Requirements

#### 5.3.1 Pregnancy Risk Screening

- a. The pregnancy risk screening tool must be used to identify pregnant women in need of pregnancy care management services.
- b. Providers shall complete the pregnancy risk screening tool at the beneficiary’s initial visit, and **at the visits closest to 28 weeks gestation and 36 weeks gestation**; and follow-up screening any time there is a maternal or fetal change in condition necessitating a new risk assessment.
- c. A Medicaid beneficiary with a priority risk factor present on the pregnancy risk screening tool shall be referred for pregnancy care management assessment. A copy of the pregnancy risk screening tool must be provided to the high-risk case management agency.
- d. A beneficiary shall be eligible to receive pregnancy care management services at any time during pregnancy or the postpartum period.

**Note:** The Pregnancy Risk Screening Tool can be found on the following web sites:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/forms>

**Note: Refer to Attachment C for Requirements for PMP Providers**

## 6.0 Providers Eligible to Bill for the Procedure, Product, or Service

To be eligible to bill for the procedure, product, or service related to this policy, the provider(s) shall:

- a. meet Medicaid or NCHC qualifications for participation;
- b. have a current and signed Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Provider Administrative Participation Agreement; and

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- c. bill only for procedures, products, and services that are within the scope of their clinical practice, as defined by the appropriate licensing entity.

### 6.1 Provider Qualifications and Occupational Licensing Entity Regulations

Individual physicians or physician groups, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants enrolled with Medicaid and providing obstetrical services in ~~as~~ one of the following:

- a. General Medicine; ~~f~~
- b. Family Medicine practice;
- c. Obstetrics ~~and~~ Gynecology; ~~or~~
- d. Multi-specialty; ~~;~~
- e. Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC);
- f. Rural Health Clinics (RHC); ~~or~~
- g. Local Health Departments (LHD).
  - 1. ~~Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC)~~;
  - 2. ~~Rural Health Clinics (RHC)~~;
  - 3. ~~Nurse Practitioners~~;
  - 4. ~~Certified Nurse Midwives~~;
  - 5. ~~Physician Assistants~~

### 6.2 Provider Certifications

None Apply.

## 7.0 Additional Requirements

*Note: Refer to Subsection 2.2.1 regarding EPSDT Exception to Policy Limitations for Medicaid Beneficiaries under 21 Years of Age.*

### 7.1 Compliance

Provider(s) shall comply with the following in effect at the time the service is rendered:

- a. All applicable agreements, federal, state and local laws and regulations including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and record retention requirements; and
- b. All NC Medicaid's clinical (medical) coverage policies, guidelines, policies, provider manuals, implementation updates, and bulletins published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), DHHS, DHHS division(s) or fiscal contractor(s)

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## 8.0 Policy Implementation/Revision Information

Original Effective Date: March 1, 2011

### Revision Information:

Date	Section Revised	Change
03/1/11	Throughout	Initial promulgation of new policy for Pregnancy Medical Home
03/9/11	Subsection 6.0.b.4	Removed reference to local health departments
03/9/11	Attachment A: H	Removed reference to local health departments
10/15/11	Subsection 3.2.6	Specified “registered” nurse
10/15/11	Attachment A	Deleted Institutional Claim in Attachment A: Claim Type
10/15/11	Attachment E	Updated Risk Screening Tools
3/1/12	Throughout	Technical changes to merge Medicaid and NCHC current coverage into one policy.
3/1/12	Subsection 6.1.1	Added Physician Assistants
8/15/12	Throughout	Updated template language
8/15/12	Subsection 5.3.1	Deleted Pregnancy Risk Screening Tool from the policy. Added links to the website to access the revised Pregnancy Risk Screening Tool
8/15/12	Throughout	Replaced “recipient” with “beneficiary.”
10/01/2015	All Sections and Attachments	Updated policy template language and added ICD-10 codes to comply with federally mandated 10/1/2015 implementation where applicable.
01/01/2016	Subsection 3.2.2, 5.2	Policy amended to correlate with changes to the 1K-7, <i>Prior Approval for Imaging Services</i> policy.
01/01/2016	Attachment D	Added ultrasound code exempt from prior approval (PA) for Pregnancy Medical Home providers.
03/15/2019	Table of Contents	Added, “To all beneficiaries enrolled in a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP): for questions about benefits and services available on or after November 1, 2019, please contact your PHP.”
03/15/2019	All Sections and Attachments	Updated policy template language.
12/31/2019	Table of Contents	Updated policy template language, “To all beneficiaries enrolled in a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP): for questions about benefits and services available on or after implementation, please contact your PHP.”
12/31/2019	Attachment A	Added, “Unless directed otherwise, Institutional Claims must be billed according to the National Uniform Billing Guidelines. All claims must comply with National Coding Guidelines”.

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12/01/2020	Related Coverage Policies	Added 1E-7, <i>Family Planning Services</i> , 1E-4 <i>Fetal Surveillance</i> , and 1-H, <i>Telehealth, Virtual Patient Communications, and Remote Patient Monitoring</i> .
	Section 1.0	Changed plural reference of “beneficiaries” to singular “beneficiary” in this section and throughout policy where appropriate.
12/01/2020	Subsection 1.1	Updated definition of high-risk pregnancy to align with that of 1E-5 Obstetrics policy to read “A pregnancy that threatens the health or life of the beneficiary or fetus, often requiring specialized care. . Changed language from “ <b>Note:</b> Refer to <b>Subsection 3.2.5 Risk Factors Related to High-Risk Pregnancy</b> ” to “ <b>Note:</b> Refer to <b>Subsection 3.2.2(e) Risk Factors Related to High-Risk Pregnancy.</b> ”
12/01/2020	Added Subsection 3.1.1	As outlined in Attachment A, select services within this clinical coverage policy may be provided via telehealth. Services delivered via telehealth must follow the requirements and guidance set forth in Clinical Coverage Policy 1-H: <i>Telehealth, Virtual Patient Communications, and Remote Patient Monitoring</i> .
12/01/2020	<u>Subsection 3.2.2(f)(1)(E)</u>	Removed the word “Waiver” from “Family Planning Waiver” and removed “W” from “FPW”
12/01/2020	<u>Subsection 5.3.1(b)</u>	Removed the requirement for follow up pregnancy risk rescreen by the 28 <sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy and updated to read “follow-up screening any time there is a maternal or fetal change in condition necessitating a new risk assessment.
12/01/2020	Subsection 5.3.1(d)	Updated link to Pregnancy Risk Screen form for DHB website and removed CCNC link.
12/01/2020	Section 6.1(c)(4)	Added the word “Certified” to Nurse Midwives.
12/01/2020	Attachment A, Letter C	Added columns to pregnancy medical home codes indicating if the services were eligible for telehealth along with the following language: Note: Telehealth eligible services may be provided to new and established patients by the eligible providers listed within this policy
12/01/2020	Attachment A, Letter D	Added the following language for telehealth services: <b>Telehealth Claims:</b> Modifier GT must be appended to the CPT or HCPCS code to indicate that a service has been provided via interactive audio-visual communication. This

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Section Revised</b>	<b>Change</b>
		modifier is not appropriate for virtual patient communications or remote patient monitoring
12/01/2020	Attachment A, Letter F	Added language indicating telehealth codes should be filed with the provider's usual place of service code(s)
12/01/2020	Attachment B	Added overweight and obesity, and young or old maternal age to list of Risk Factors Related to High Risk Pregnancy.
12/01/2020	Attachment A, Letter H	Added the following language for providers billing S0280 and S0281: PMH providers shall bill the pregnancy risk screen and the postpartum plan maintenance incentives if the initial prenatal visit and postpartum visit was conducted in person or via telehealth.
12/01/2020	Added beginning of Policy	Added the language "This clinical coverage policy has an effective date of November 15, 2020; however, until the end of the public health emergency, the temporary coverage and reimbursement flexibilities enabled by NC Medicaid through a series of COVID-19 Special Medicaid Bulletins will remain in effect."
	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Changed title of policy from 1E-6: Pregnancy Medical Home to 1E-6: Pregnancy Management Program.</b>
	<b>Related Clinical Coverage Policies</b>	<b>Removed Clinical Coverage Policy 1K-7, Prior Approval for Imaging Procedures as Prior Approval no longer applicable.</b>
	<b>Section 1.0</b>	<b>Updated Description for program change from Pregnancy Medical Home (PMH) to Pregnancy Management Program (PMP) including that there is no longer an "opt in" enrollment process.</b>
	<b>All Sections and Attachments</b>	<b>Changed Pregnancy Medical Home to Pregnancy Management Program and changed the abbreviation PMH to PMP where necessary throughout policy. Specified policy applicable to Medicaid Direct beneficiaries where necessary.</b>
	<b>Subsection 3.2.2.4</b>	<b>Removed reference to Clinical Coverage Policy 1K-7, Prior Approval for Imaging Procedures as Prior Approval no longer applicable.</b>
	<b>Subsection 3.2.2.6</b>	<b>Added Pregnancy Risk Screen to section heading.</b>
	<b>Section 5.3.1</b>	<b>Added Reference to Attachment C for Requirements for Pregnancy Management Program providers.</b>
	<b>Subsection 5.2 (a)</b>	<b>Removed section as Prior Approval no longer applicable.</b>

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Date	Section Revised	Change
	<u>Subsection 5.2 (b)</u>	<u>Changed Reference for Attachment A from section H to section G for Reimbursement.</u>
	<u>Subsection 5.2. (c)</u>	<u>Removed section as Prior Approval no longer applicable.</u>
	<u>Subsection 5.3.1 (b)</u>	<u>Updated requirement for prenatal risk screen to be performed at each initial prenatal visit, and at the visits closet to 28 weeks gestation and 36 weeks gestation and follow-up screening any time there is a maternal or fetal change in condition necessitating a new risk assessment.</u>
	<u>Attachment A, Letter G</u>	<u>Removed the following sentence:-HCPCS code S0281 will is not be reimbursed for miscarriage, spontaneous abortion, and terminations.</u>
	<u>Attachment C</u>	<u>Updated program requirements to match those of Pregnancy Management Program in the current May 12, 2021 Program Guide for Management of High-Risk Pregnancies and At-Risk Children in Managed Care. Add requirement that the Pregnancy Risk Screen be performed at each initial prenatal visit, and at the visits closest to 28 weeks gestation and 36 weeks gestation; or at any point when the beneficiaries biopsychosocial circumstances change.</u>
	<u>Attachment D</u>	<u>Updated Pregnancy Medical Home language to Pregnancy Management Program.</u>

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### Attachment A: Claims-Related Information

Provider(s) shall comply with the, *NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide*, Medicaid bulletins, fee schedules, NC Medicaid’s clinical coverage policies and any other relevant documents for specific coverage and reimbursement for Medicaid and NCHC:

**A. Claim Type**

Professional (CMS-1500/837P transaction)

Unless directed otherwise, Institutional Claims must be billed according to the National Uniform Billing Guidelines. All claims must comply with National Coding Guidelines.

**B. International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revisions, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and Procedural Coding System (PCS)**

Provider(s) shall report the ICD-10-CM and Procedural Coding System (PCS) to the highest level of specificity that supports medical necessity. Provider(s) shall use the current ICD-10 edition and any subsequent editions in effect at the time of service. Provider(s) shall refer to the applicable edition for code description, as it is no longer documented in the policy.

Refer to **Section B of Attachment A: Claims-Related Information** of clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for covered ICD-10-CM diagnosis code information.

**C. Code(s)**

Provider(s) shall report the most specific billing code that accurately and completely describes the procedure, product or service provided. Provider(s) shall use the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), and UB-04 Data Specifications Manual (for a complete listing of valid revenue codes) and any subsequent editions in effect at the time of service. Provider(s) shall refer to the applicable edition for the code description, as it is no longer documented in the policy.

If no such specific CPT or HCPCS code exists, then the provider(s) shall report the procedure, product or service using the appropriate unlisted procedure or service code.

The following table contains codes for the billing of the **PMH PMP** Pregnancy Risk Screening Tool and the **PMH PMP** Postpartum plan maintenance:

HCPCS Code(s)	Guidelines	Telehealth Eligible Services
S0280	Providers shall bill this code after the pregnancy risk screening tool has been completed.	Yes
S0281	Providers shall bill this code after the postpartum visit is completed.	Yes

**Note:** Telehealth eligible services may be provided to new and established patients by the eligible providers listed within this policy.



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Refer to **Section C of Attachment A: Codes Claims Related Information**, of clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/> for additional information on covered CPT codes.

Refer to **Attachment B: Billing for Obstetrical Services**, of clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov//>, for additional information on covered Evaluation and Management Services codes.

**D. Modifiers**

Non-Telehealth Claims: Providers shall follow applicable modifier guidelines.

Telehealth Claims: Modifier GT must be appended to the CPT or HCPCS code to indicate that a service has been provided via interactive audio-visual communication. This modifier is not appropriate for virtual patient communications or remote patient monitoring.

**E. Billing Units**

Provider(s) shall report the appropriate procedure code(s) used which determines the billing unit(s).

Refer to **Section E of Attachment A: Codes Claims Related Information**, of clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for additional information on billing for multiple births.

**F. Place of Service**

Inpatient hospital, Outpatient hospital, Office.

Telehealth claims **should must** be filed with the provider's usual place of service code(s).

Co-payments

For Medicaid refer to Medicaid State Plan:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan>

For NCHC refer to NCHC State Plan:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan>

**G. Reimbursement**

Provider(s) shall bill their usual and customary charges.

For a schedule of rates, refer to: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>

Any provider who bills global, package or individual pregnancy procedures within their scope of practice is **considered a PMP provider and must follow the PMP program requirements outlined in Attachment C.** **eligible to participate in this program, as long as the provider agrees to the program requirements.**

**PMP providers shall bill for prenatal risk screening incentives when the screen is performed at the initial prenatal visit, and at the visits closest to 28 weeks gestation and 36 weeks gestation, or at any point when the beneficiary's biopsychosocial circumstances change.**

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The **PMH PMP** provider can only bill HCPCS codes S0280 **a maximum of three times**, and S0281 one time during the gestational period even if there are multiple births. Once billed, no other provider can bill these codes in the same gestational period.

The **PMH PMP** practice ~~will be~~ **is** reimbursed for S0280 and S0281 and not the individual physician with the exception of a sole proprietor.

The provider billing S0281 must be the same provider that bills the postpartum visit.

~~HCPCS code S0281 will is not be reimbursed for miscarriage, spontaneous abortion, and terminations.~~

**PMH PMP** providers shall bill the pregnancy risk screen and postpartum ~~plan maintenance~~ incentives if the ~~initial risk screen~~ **visit** and postpartum visits ~~are~~ **was** conducted in person or via telehealth.

CPT Procedure codes 76811 and 76812 require medical necessity indication, such as a known or suspected fetal anatomic or genetic abnormality and can only be performed by specific providers. The **PMH PMP** may refer a beneficiary to another provider or may perform these codes in office only if they meet the following:

1. OB ultrasound providers certified with the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) or an American College of Radiology (ACR) accredited practice; or
2. Providers with sub-specialty in Maternal Fetal Medicine (Perinatology) or Radiology.

With the exception of FQHC's and RHC's, one of the following procedure codes must be billed before code S0281 ~~will be~~ **is** reimbursed: 59400, 59410, 59430, 59510, or 59515.

Refer to **Section C of Attachment A: Codes Claims-Related Information**, of clinical coverage policy 1E-5, *Obstetrics*, at <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>, for information on obstetrical codes and instructions for **physicians** and **FQHC/RHC** provider billing for **PMH PMP**.

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**Attachment B: Risk Factors Related to High-Risk Pregnancy**

Risk factors related to high-risk pregnancy ~~may~~ **can** include any of the following:

- a. History of preterm birth (less than 37 weeks);
- a. History of low birth weight (less than 2500g);
- b. Multiple gestation;
- c. Fetal complications;
- d. Chronic condition ~~which may~~ **complicating** pregnancy (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), sickle cell, asthma, seizure disorder, renal disease, substance abuse diagnosis, mental illness);
- e. Overweight and obesity;
- f. ~~Young or old maternal age~~ **Adolescents or elderly gravidas;**
- g. Unsafe living environment (e.g., homelessness, inadequate housing, family violence, sexual abuse, ~~coercion~~, community violence);
- h. Substance use;
- i. ~~Tobacco~~ **Nicotine use including such as tobacco and electronic cigarette** use;
- j. Missing two or more prenatal appointments without rescheduling; or
- k. Inappropriate hospital utilization (Emergency Department/Labor & Delivery triage visit by pregnant patient with no prenatal care provider, antepartum hospitalization, two or more Emergency Department/Labor and Delivery triage visits by a patient with a prenatal care provider).

**Note:** This list does not represent a comprehensive list of indications for which a beneficiary would receive case management, nor is it the complete list of the risk screening for which **PMHPMPs** are responsible.

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## Attachment C: Requirements for Pregnancy Management Program Providers

The Pregnancy Management Program provider shall agree to all of the following:

- a. Integrate the patient's plan of care with local CMHRP staff, which is inclusive of collaboration and communication, ensuring access to HIPAA compliant space for adequate patient and CMHRP staff engagement, access to patients' EMR and to foster the embedded care management model;
- b. Allow Health Plan or Health Plan's ~~NC Medicaid or NC Medicaid's~~ designated vendor access to medical records for auditing purposes to measure performance on specific quality indicators;
- e. Maintain or lower ~~Commit to maintaining or lowering~~ the rate of elective deliveries prior to (39) weeks gestation; Eliminate elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestation if not medically necessary;
- d. Offer and provide 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17p) for the prevention of preterm birth to women with a history of spontaneous preterm birth who are currently pregnant with a singleton gestation. 17p ~~will be~~ is prescribed when the beneficiary is deemed an appropriate candidate at the physician's discretion for 17p intramuscular injection and consents to participate after being informed by the provider of the benefits and risks.;
- e. Complete a the standardized risk screening tool at the initial prenatal visit and at the visits closest to 28 weeks gestation and 36 weeks gestation; and at any point when the beneficiaries biopsychosocial circumstances change; and on each pregnant Medicaid beneficiary and integrate the plan of care with local pregnancy care management; and
- f. ~~Commit to~~ Decrease the cesarean section rate among nulliparous women;
- g. Decrease the primary cesarean section delivery rate if the rate is over NC Medicaid's the Department's designated cesarean rate; (Note: NC Medicaid will sets the rate annually, which is will be at or below twenty percent (20 percent); and
- h. Ensure comprehensive post-partum visits occur within (56) days of delivery.
- i. ~~Send all screening information and applicable medical record information for Members in the Care Management of High Risk Pregnancies to the LHDs or other applicable local care management entities that are contracted for the provision of providing care management services for high risk pregnancy within one business day of the provider completing the screening.~~

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**Attachment D: OB Ultrasound Codes Exempt from Prior Approval (PA) for  
Pregnancy Management Program ~~Medical Home~~ Providers**

Procedure Code	Description
76801	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (< 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; single or first gestation
76802	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (< 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; each additional
76805	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester (> or + 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; single or first gestation
76810	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester (> or + 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; each additional gestation
76811	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation plus detailed fetal anatomic examination, transabdominal approach; single or first gestation
76812	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation plus detailed fetal anatomic examination, transabdominal approach; each additional gestation
76813	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal approach; single or first gestation
76814	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal approach; each additional gestation
76815	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, limited (eg, fetal heart beat, placental location, fetal position and/or qualitative amniotic fluid volume), 1 or more fetuses
76816	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, follow-up (eg, reevaluation of fetal size by measuring standard growth parameters and amniotic fluid volume, re-evaluation of organ system(s) suspected or confirmed to be abnormal on a 76801
76817	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, transvaginal
76818	Fetal biophysical profile; with non-stress testing
76819	Fetal biophysical profile; without non-stress testing
76820	Doppler velocimetry, fetal; umbilical artery
76821	Doppler velocimetry, fetal; middle cerebral artery
76825	Echocardiography, fetal, cardiovascular system, real time with image documentation (2D), with or without M-mode recording;
76826	Echocardiography, fetal, cardiovascular system, real time with image documentation (2D), with or without M-mode recording; follow-up or repeat study
76827	Doppler echocardiography, fetal, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display; complete
76828	Doppler echocardiography, fetal, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display; follow-up or repeat study
93325	Doppler echocardiography color flow velocity mapping