

Fact Sheet

NC Medicaid Postpartum Care Benefits

NC Medicaid beneficiaries can get postpartum care for 12 months after the end of their pregnancy.

If you are in a Medicaid program that covers the birth of a child, you can get 12 months of postpartum care. This includes Medicaid for Pregnant Women.

WHAT IS COVERED?

Postpartum care starts when your pregnancy ends. Your 12-month postpartum care period will end on the last day of the 12th month.

If you are in the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program, you will get full Medicaid benefits. You can get full Medicaid benefits even if you have a life change, such as:

- A change in income
- A change in your household; for example, you get married or divorced

For the postpartum care benefit, life changes that would not qualify for continued Medicaid coverage include if someone in your household dies, you move to a new state or if you ask to leave the Medicaid program.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

IMPORTANT: To get postpartum coverage for 12 months, you **must** call or visit your local Department of Social Services caseworker (use our Department of Social Services directory (dhhs.nc.gov/localdss)):

- when you become pregnant
- if your due date changes
- when your pregnancy ends

Your Department of Social Services caseworker will set the dates for your 12-month postpartum care period and make changes as needed.

Remember to update your contact information. If you or someone in your family has recently changed their address or phone number, make sure to tell your local Department of Social Services caseworker. Your address is used to send important documents and information.

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED UNDER FULL MEDICAID?

Beneficiaries with the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program can get full Medicaid benefits during 12-month postpartum period. This includes the following

- Laboratory and radiology
- Hospitals, anesthesia and ambulatory surgical centers
- Outpatient specialized therapy
- Prescriptions (except prescriptions for Medicare beneficiaries)
- Vision and hearing
- Dental services
- Podiatry
- Nursing home care
- Personal care and other home health services
- Medical equipment, such as wheelchairs
- Orthotics and prosthetics
- Mental and behavioral health care
- Transition from facilities to home and community-based care

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call the NC Medicaid Contact Center at 1-888-245-0179, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

