

Improved Medicaid Postpartum Care Benefits

Starting April 1, 2022, Medicaid postpartum care will be covered for 12 months instead of 60 days. Also starting April 1, the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program will include full Medicaid benefits.

WHO CAN GET THESE BENEFITS?

12 Months of Postpartum Care

You can get 12 months of postpartum care if:

- You are in a Medicaid program that covers the birth of a child. This includes Medicaid for Pregnant Women.
- You become pregnant on or after April 1, 2022.
- Your pregnancy ended 60 days before April 1, 2022 (Feb. 1 through March 31, 2022).

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

Full Medicaid Benefits

If you are in the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program, you also will get full Medicaid benefits starting April 1, 2022. 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:

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

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

If you are already receiving Medicaid for Pregnant Women, you will get a letter about postpartum benefits. If you do not get a letter, call the NC Medicaid Contact Center at 888-245-0179, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 DSS caseworker. Your address will be used to send important documents and information.

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED UNDER FULL MEDICAID?

Beneficiaries in the Medicaid for Pregnant Women program can get full Medicaid benefits from doctors, OB/GYNs, health departments and rural health clinics for many services. For example:

- 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?

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