

Postpartum Coverage

Med Span Extended from 60 days to 12 months!

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MAGI Pregnancy Category: Entering “Pregnancy End Reason”

What you need to know:

1. The 365 days of Postpartum Coverage will begin the day of Pregnancy End Date.
2. All selections (to include Abortion) in the Pregnancy End Reason drop down will allow the 365 days of postpartum coverage.

All MA Codes Have Postpartum

- Postpartum coverage has been extended to all MA codes; it is no longer only for CHP+ Pregnant, MAGI Pregnant, and Legal Immigrant Prenatal. If a member is in a Buy-In program, they will have a \$0 buy-in premium (premiums will be waived) during the postpartum period.
- Premium payments will not be waived if a member opts out of WAwD/CBwD and is found eligible for WAwD/CBwD later.
- CHP+ members who turn 19 during the postpartum period will remain locked into CHP+ (child), they will not be moved to CHP+ Prenatal.

Example:

Olga is a Medicaid Buy-In member. She reported that she will have a baby on 10/11/2022. If Olga has her baby as expected, she will be locked into the Buy-In MA program for her postpartum period until 10/31/2023. Buy-in premiums will be waived during this time.



COVID Exception:

Members that were discontinued on or after 08/01/2021 due to the COVID exception of exceeding the 60-day postpartum period will be reinstated back to the month in which they were terminated from CHP+ Prenatal.



Example:

Lucy is approved for CHP+ Prenatal with an Expected Due Date of 01/23/2022. She reported that the baby was born on 01/15/2022. Lucy's postpartum period in CHP+ Prenatal will begin on 01/15/2022 but ended 03/31/2022 due to the COVID exception (prior to the implementation of this project). Lucy's coverage under CHP+ Prenatal will be reinstated on 04/01/2022 and will end on 01/31/2023.



COVID Exception (continued):

Individuals who were terminated from CHP+ Prenatal on or after 08/01/2021 due to the COVID exception of exceeding the 60-day postpartum period who reapplied for Medical Assistance prior to the implementation of this project (and determined eligible in another MA Aid Code), creating a gap in coverage, must be automatically locked into their current aid code for the remainder of the 12-month postpartum period.

Example:

Sarah is approved for CHP+ Prenatal. She reported that the baby was born on 10/15/2021. Sarah's postpartum period in CHP+ Prenatal began on 10/15/2021 but ended 12/31/2021, at 60 days postpartum (prior to the implementation of this project). Sarah lost coverage because she was no longer eligible in another aid code even during the PHE. Sarah reapplied on 03/10/2022, because she had a decrease in income, and now qualifies for MAGI Adult, which created a gap from 01/01/2022 to 02/28/2022. Sarah's coverage under MAGI Adult will now lock her in her postpartum guaranteed coverage starting from 07/01/2022 (when the project is implemented) and will not end until 10/31/2022 (the remainder of her 12 months of postpartum period).



Data Entry: Multiple Pregnancy Records

CBMS allows multiple active records at the same time on the 'Pregnancy' page. If the current active record has a postpartum date in the future, a worker will be able to add a new record without effective end dating the current record. If the current record has a postpartum date in the past, the record will need to be effective end dated before the new record can be added.



Tax Information	Retro Information	Attributes	Residency	Pregnancy	Supportive Payments	LTC Institution
Effective Begin Date	Effective End Date	Number of Unborn(s)	Expected Due Date	Verification Date	+ ⌵	
07/22/2022	04/30/2023	2	09/26/2022	07/22/2022		
04/30/2023		1	12/28/2023	04/30/2022		



To add a new pregnancy record, make sure you effectively end date the current open record, if the post partum date is in the past.

An individual who is within their postpartum period needs to remain locked into their Medical Assistance aid code during the remainder of their original postpartum period. If the member becomes pregnant again, the member will remain in the aid code they were eligible for while still serving their postpartum. At the end of the postpartum, the member will receive a renewal packet.

Example:

Sandy had twins on 09/21/2022, she will be covered under MAGI Pregnant until 09/30/2023. On 04/30/2023 she reported that she is pregnant again, with an Expected Due Date of 12/28/2023. You can add a new record for Sandy's second pregnancy even though the postpartum period for the twins is not over yet.



Data Entry: Opt Out

A worker will be able to indicate that a member wants to opt out of their MA aid code during the postpartum period. Follow these steps:

Case Individual Program Requested

Detail

Postpartum Benefits Opt Out

☒ Yes
☐ No

Postpartum Benefits Opt Out Date

MM/DD/YYYY

Individual Application



Click "Yes" to confirm the member wants to opt out. Then add the date when the member opted out.

Eligibility will be automatically redetermined when a member opts out of their aid code during the postpartum period. If not eligible for any other aid code, the member will be



terminated. If eligible for another aid code, members will not be eligible for a guaranteed postpartum period in the new aid code. This includes members who were redetermined eligible in the same aid code of which they opted out.

Data Entry: Reverse Opt Out

Workers will be able to reverse the member's decision to opt out of their MA aid code during the postpartum period, only if the worker or member did this by mistake.

Example:

Last week, Uma accessed PEAK and opted out of MAGI Pregnant during her post partum coverage period. The worker processes this request and runs EDBC. She receives a notice stating she will no longer be covered under MAGI Pregnant because she has opted out. Uma then realizes she didn't intend to opt out of MAGI Pregnant and tells the worker that this was a mistake. The worker goes back to the 'Postpartum Benefits Opt Out' field and sets it to 'No' and adds a case comment to explain.



Note:

Workers must add a case comment when they “reverse” the member's decision.

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