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TO: Dentists
Federally Qualified Health Centers
Local Health Departments

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RE: Postpartum Dental Benefits

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

The Governor’s Supplemental Budget for FY 2021 allocated \$1 million in funds for dental coverage for postpartum women, to align with the participant’s somatic coverage. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is currently in the process of finalizing regulations to include postpartum coverage for eligible members of the Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program (MHSDP). MDH is aligning the start date for this coverage with the effective date of recent amendments to COMAR 10.09.05.

Effective November 15, 2021, Maryland Medicaid’s Fee-for-Service (FFS) dental coverage provided to pregnant women under the MHSDP will be extended through their postpartum period. This period is defined as: (a) the period of time beginning on the date a pregnancy ends and ending on the last day of the month in which the 60-day period ends; or (b) effective for five years beginning April 1, 2022, the period of time beginning on the date a pregnancy ends and ending on the last day of the twelfth month following the end of the pregnancy.

Benefits for the expanded coverage for women in their postpartum period will be overseen by SKYGEN USA, the dental benefits administrator for MHSDP services.

Example

If a pregnancy ends (i.e. delivery, stillbirth, miscarriage, etc.) on November 15th, the mother will remain eligible for dental coverage until January 31st of the following year.

Provider Responsibilities

Maryland Medicaid requires providers to include the appropriate diagnosis code on the CDT claim form for MHSDP members who are pregnant or in their postpartum period. Eligible members will be identified on SKYGEN USA's IVR as -- *MD Dental ONLY if Pregnant or Postpartum Adult 21+*. Providers are responsible for using the following ICD-10 diagnosis codes to indicate a pregnant woman (Z3A.00) and postpartum coverage (Z39.2). Claims submitted without these codes will be denied.

Resources

A copy of the Supplemental Budget for FY 2021 can be found online at:

<https://dbm.maryland.gov/budget/Documents/operbudget/2021/proposed/FY2021-Supplemental-Budget-FINAL.pdf>.

For more information on covered services, benefit limitations and payment procedures, please refer to the update Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental Program provider manual at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/maryland-healthy-smiles-dental-program.aspx> .

For additional questions regarding authorizations and claims submissions, please contact SKYGEN USA's Provider Services team at (844)275-8753.