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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Primary Care Provider Transmittal No. 1

Nurse Practitioners Transmittal No. 39

Abortion Clinics Transmittal No. 7

MCO Transmittal No. 229

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TO: Managed Care Organizations
Maryland Abortion Clinics
Physicians
Nurse Practitioners
Nurse Midwives
Licensed Certified Midwives
Physician Assistants

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra E. Kick".

FROM: Sandra Kick, Director, Medical Benefits Management

RE: Update to Maryland Medicaid Abortion Care Coverage

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

This transmittal updates the Maryland Department of Health's (the Department's) coverage of abortion care services. Effective November 18, 2024, abortion services are available to all pregnant individuals, including those under Maryland Medicaid's family planning benefit program. Abortion care services are covered through the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program using State-only dollars.

This transmittal supersedes PT 21-17, which outlined coding and reimbursement changes for medically induced abortion through the administration of Mifepristone (S0190) and Misoprostol (S0191), and Factsheet #6.

Effective November 18, 2024, abortion services may be covered for minors within the scope and limitations outlined in the Maryland Minor Consent Laws. A qualified provider may not perform an abortion on an unmarried minor unless the qualified provider first gives notice to a parent or guardian of the minor, subject only to the exceptions provided by the law. Md. Code, Health-Gen § 20-103(a).

HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCOs) are not permitted to cover abortion services. Claims for abortion services for participants enrolled in HealthChoice must be submitted to the Medicaid FFS program for the following:

- Abortion services;
- Related services provided at a hospital on the day of the procedure or during an inpatient stay.

Claims for any related services performed as part of a medical evaluation prior to the actual abortion services must be billed to the MCO for HealthChoice participants.

Billing for Abortion Care Services

Providers should use the following procedure codes to report medically induced abortion:

HCPCS Code	Description	Reimbursement Amount
S0190	Mifepristone 200 mg	\$75.00
S0191	Misoprostol 200 mcg	\$5.00
S0199	Medically induced abortion by oral ingestion of medication including all associated services and supplies (e.g., patient counseling, office visits, confirmation of pregnancy by HCG, ultrasound to confirm duration of pregnancy, ultrasound to confirm completion of abortion) except drugs	\$536.49

The reimbursement amount for procedure code S0199 includes patient counseling, all medically necessary office or outpatient clinic visits, pregnancy testing, sonograms to confirm pregnancy, and ultrasounds to confirm completion of the abortion. Providers may **not** bill for office visits in addition to procedure code S0199.

When billing for medically necessary covered abortion services providers should:

- Use the ICD-10 code for legally induced abortion or failed attempted abortion as the primary diagnosis on the claim;
- Write “Medical Abortion” on the CMS-1500 claim below the procedure code in Block 24D; and
- Use the date the patient signed the patient agreement and took the oral dose of Mifepristone or Misoprostol as the date of service on the claim.

For additional information, go to the Professional Services Provider Manual and Fee Schedule at: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Provider-Information.aspx>.

For questions regarding Medicaid’s reproductive health services, providers should contact the pregnancy helpline at 1-800-456-8900.