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TO: Managed Care Organizations
Hospitals

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RE: Sunsetting of the 1184-Newborn Enrollment Process on eMedicaid, Effective February 1, 2026

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

This transmittal updates providers on the removal of enrollment of deemed newborns into Medicaid through eMedicaid, commonly referred to as the “1184 process,” effective February 1, 2026. A deemed newborn is a child who is automatically eligible for Medicaid because their mother was eligible for and received covered services under Medicaid on the child’s date of birth. Medicaid participating hospitals and HealthChoice Managed Care Organization (MCO) staff must use the Maryland Medicaid Newborn Enrollment Portal (Newborn Portal) to enroll deemed newborns into Medicaid.

The Newborn Portal is a web-based application on the Maryland Health Connection platform that was launched in April 2024 to replace the 1184 newborn enrollment process in eMedicaid. Following the launch of the Newborn Portal, the 1184 process continued to operate concurrently to ensure a smooth transition. More information regarding the launch of the Newborn Portal can be found in [PT 68-24 Launch of the Medicaid Newborn Enrollment Portal](#).

Beginning February 1, 2026, new newborn enrollments will not be permitted through eMedicaid. Enrollments completed in eMedicaid through January 31, 2026, will remain accessible to users after the system cut over date.

Hospital and MCO staff who are not yet using the Newborn Portal on Maryland Health Connection will need to request access before the system cut over date to maintain continuity of newborn Medicaid enrollment.

Newborn Portal Access

Hospital and MCO staff who need access to the Newborn Portal must send an email request to mdh.newbornportal@maryland.gov. The request must include:

- (1) Hospital or MCO staff person's name;
- (2) Hospital or MCO staff person's email address;
- (3) Hospital or MCO staff person's phone number;
- (4) Hospital or MCO name;
- (5) Hospital or MCO address;
- (6) 9-digit Medicaid provider number; and
- (7) Hospital or MCO phone number.

Each hospital and MCO should designate a point of contact for Newborn Portal access, who will send requests for new access or changes to existing access.

Hospitals and MCOs must ensure at least one staff member is enrolled in the provisioning system, Sailpoint, before individual staff members can request access to the Newborn Portal. This step is required for any Hospital or MCO that is new to the Newborn Portal, has no current active users, or has staff at a different location. To verify whether your hospital or MCO is in the Newborn Portal and the provisioning system, please contact mdh.newbornportal@maryland.gov.

Once provisioned for the Newborn Portal, users will receive an email from identity@mdthink.maryland.gov with the subject line "New Account Information for the Newborn Portal." This email contains the portal login credentials. Users can then login to the Newborn Portal at pe.marylandhealthconnection.gov. EMedicaid login credentials cannot be used to access the Newborn Portal on Maryland Health Connection.

Newborn Portal Resources

A Newborn Portal Manual for Hospitals and MCOs and 2 video tutorials are available on the Medicaid Newborn Enrollment Portal page [here](#).

For questions regarding this transmittal, please contact mdh.newbornportal@maryland.gov.