



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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July 05, 2023

Dear County DSS Director:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan for the purpose of increasing the Medicaid rate paid for Obstetrics Maternal Bundle Payments for pregnancy care. Effective July 1, 2023, this amendment shall increase the Medicaid rate of reimbursement for Maternity services to at least seventy-one percent (71%) of the Medicare rate.

This amendment shall also include a flat add-on rate of \$250.00 to be paid to Medicaid providers as an incentive for the use of group prenatal care visits by Medicaid beneficiaries. The incentive rate will only be paid when an individual Medicaid beneficiary participates in five (5) or more group prenatal care visits recorded and billed by the one provider for the same Medicaid beneficiary.

Please post this notice in your facility so that interested parties may be made aware of this proposed change and may comment as necessary. The posting can be removed after ninety days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Williams

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State Plan and Amendments Coordinator

Attachment: Public Notice SPA 23-0024 **Maternity Services**
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(SPA 23-0024)
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This amendment is being implemented in adherence to Sections 4.2.(a) and 4.2.(b) of Session Law 2023-14 Senate Bill 20.

This amendment will become effective July 1, 2023.

The annual estimated state fiscal impact of this change is

a. SFY 2024	\$ 2,800,000
b. SFY 2025	\$ 2,800,000

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below:

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Raleigh, NC 27699-2501

Posted on the Division of Health Benefits Website: June 29, 2023
<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/getinvolved/nc-health-choice-state-plan>