## interChange Provider Important Message

## **New Eligibility Group: HUSKY B - Prenatal Care**

Effective April 1, 2022, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be adding a new eligibility group to its HUSKY B ("CHIP" or Children's Health Insurance Program) program that will allow pregnant individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid due to their immigration status to receive full CHIP benefits, including prenatal care. This coverage is available to pregnant individuals of any age. The income limit for this group will be the same as the limit for pregnant women covered under Medicaid, 263% of the federal poverty level.

Providers can advise an individual to apply for this program by contacting Access Health CT online at AccessHealthCT.com or by phone at 1-855-805-4325.

System changes to support this program will be implemented on April 23, 2022. All applicants who apply before April 23, 2022 will receive a denial notice for regular HUSKY Health. However, a review of all denials will be done and if individuals qualify, a separate notice will be sent confirming enrollment at the end of the month. All applications received and approved in April will be effective for coverage beginning April 1, 2022.

A provider bulletin will be forthcoming detailing more information related to enrollment, services covered, and eligibility verification. Please continue to monitor the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site at <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a> for more information.

New Prenatal Coverage & Extended Postpartum Coverage (ct.gov)

