



**TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants (PAs) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs)**  
**RE: Obstetrics Pay for Performance**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is introducing a sixth cycle for the Pay for Performance (P4P) in obstetrical care program, beginning with claims for dates of service from July 1, 2021 and forward. The purpose of the program for individuals covered under HUSKY Health is to:

- Improve the overall care of pregnant individuals and the outcomes of their newborns
- Decrease the incidence of avoidable maternal mortality and morbidity by encouraging:
  - Early entry into prenatal care
  - Identification of risk factors contributing to maternal morbidity and mortality
  - Low-dose aspirin prophylaxis for members at high or moderate risk of preeclampsia according to American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) guidelines
  - Self-measured blood pressure for members with hypertension
  - Increased engagement in postpartum and ongoing primary care

Obstetrical P4P payments are in addition to current fee for service payments. Payments will be made annually after allowing for six (6) months of claims run-out.

Providers eligible to participate in the obstetric P4P program must currently be enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) either as a family medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, obstetric nurse

practitioner, family medicine nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife and be providing obstetric care.

To be eligible for P4P payments, obstetrical services must be performed by eligible providers on dates of service from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Only episodes of care for which eligible providers have completed online obstetrics (OB) notification forms will be eligible for the P4P program.

**P4P Prenatal Performance Measures**

DSS will base P4P payments on the following performance measures (with their associated point values):

<b>Prenatal Measures</b>	<b>Points</b>
Completion of the prenatal online notification form within 14 days of the first prenatal visit.	5
First prenatal visit and risk identification within 14 days of a confirmed pregnancy, where at a minimum all of the following have occurred: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maternal risk screening, including but not limited to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Blood pressure</li> <li>b. Co-morbidity, especially:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. cardio-vascular disease</li> <li>ii. diabetes</li> <li>iii. hypertension</li> <li>iv. clotting disorders</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Social determinants of health screening</li> </ol>	30

Prenatal Measures	Points
<p>Low-dose aspirin prophylaxis for members at high or moderate risk of preeclampsia according to American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) guidelines.</p> <p>To meet this measure, both of the following must have occurred:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A prescription for low-dose aspirin was given</li> <li>2. Low-dose aspirin was prescribed between 12 weeks and 28 weeks of gestation (optimally before 16 weeks) and continued daily until delivery</li> </ol>	25
<p>Self-measured blood pressure (BP) for members with hypertension in addition to usual perinatal care visits and provider measured BP.</p> <p>To meet this measure, a prescription for a BP monitoring device must be issued.</p>	25

Postpartum Measures	Points
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Future pregnancy planning</li> <li>2. Contraceptive options/choices</li> <li>3. Ongoing medical conditions</li> <li>4. Behavioral issues</li> <li>5. Substance use/misuse</li> </ol>	

DSS will collect data from claims and the online OB notification forms to determine the provider P4P payments.

**Provider P4P Enrollment**

Providers who were enrolled in the fifth cycle of the P4P will have access to sixth cycle P4P online notification forms beginning on July 1, 2021. The online notification can be accessed via HUSKY Health’s secure provider portal:

<https://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers.html>

Providers who were not previously enrolled in the fifth cycle of the P4P can enroll in the P4P by completing a 2021 obstetric P4P registration form. The registration form can be accessed via HUSKY Health’s secure provider portal:

<https://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers.html>

Providers registered in the P4P program can begin submitting obstetric notification forms on July 1, 2021. All online obstetric notification forms must be submitted between July 1, 2021 and July 31, 2022 to allow for form submissions with service dates occurring July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to be eligible for the sixth cycle P4P.

For questions related to the obstetrics P4P program, please contact DSS’ Medical Administrative Services Organization, Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. (CHNCT) at [obp4pquestion@chnct.org](mailto:obp4pquestion@chnct.org).

**P4P Postpartum Performance Measures**

Postpartum Measures	Points
Full term (39 weeks gestation), vaginal delivery.	50
Completion of the postpartum online notification forms within 14 days of the first occurring postpartum visit.	5
At least one postpartum visit occurring within 21 days of delivery.	15
A comprehensive postpartum visit occurring between 22 and 84 days after delivery that addresses all of the following:	15



Questions? Need assistance? Call the Provider Assistance Center Mon–Fri 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Toll free 1-800-842-8440 or write to Gainwell Technologies, PO Box 2991, Hartford, CT 06104  
 Program information is available at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com)