



Connecticut Medical Assistance Program
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Effective Date: April 1, 2023
Contact: see below

TO: All Providers

RE: New Eligibility Group – State Funded Postpartum Care for Non-Citizens

The Connecticut General Assembly enacted legislation (PA [21-176](#), §2) to expand access to health care to immigrant populations and improve birth outcomes of Connecticut residents. Pursuant to this legislation, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be adding a new eligibility group, State Medical Postpartum, effective April 1, 2023.

This new coverage group will provide 12 months of postpartum care to recently pregnant individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid due to their immigration status (i.e., those who qualify for the HUSKY B – Prenatal Care group). It also allows postpartum coverage for individuals whose pregnancy ended prior to April 1, 2023, but who are still within their 12 month postpartum period. Coverage will end on the last day of the month that their 12-month postpartum period ends. Individuals are entitled to the extended postpartum coverage regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends.

The income limit for State Medical Postpartum will be the same as the limit for HUSKY A Postpartum under Medicaid, up to 263% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Beneficiaries will remain eligible irrespective of changes in their circumstances that may affect eligibility, such as a change in income or family size. Disenrollment will occur if a beneficiary moves out of state, voluntarily requests disenrollment, or becomes deceased.

This aligns with the eligibility for Medicaid-funded HUSKY A Postpartum coverage.

Beneficiaries enrolled in State Medical Postpartum may qualify for HUSKY A Postpartum if their immigration status changes to one qualifying for Medicaid coverage.

Enrollment

Beneficiaries who are already enrolled in HUSKY B Prenatal Care will not need to submit a new application for their postpartum benefits to begin. DSS will automatically assess eligibility for State Medical Postpartum coverage upon notification of birth or end of pregnancy, provided that the individual was enrolled in HUSKY B Prenatal Care coverage until the end of their pregnancy, or the individual had a delivery that was covered by Emergency Medicaid. Eligibility system changes have been completed and enrollment will begin April 1, 2023.

Eligibility Verification

Gainwell Technologies' Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) will return the following response for clients eligible for State Medical Postpartum coverage: "HUSKY A."

Services Covered

In addition to postpartum care-related services, individuals in this group will be able to receive all other services covered by Medicaid HUSKY A Postpartum, including but not limited to medical services (including prescription drugs and medical

devices/supplies), dental, and behavioral health services.

Co-payments/Cost Share

There will be no co-payments or cost sharing imposed on beneficiaries of the State Medical Postpartum coverage group.

Claims Submission

Providers should continue to submit claims electronically to Gainwell Technologies for eligible individuals.

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Responsible Unit

For questions related to eligibility, please contact the DSS Medical Eligibility Policy team at EligPolicy.DSS@ct.gov.

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