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TO: Freestanding Birthing Centers

RE: Update to Reimbursement Rates for Freestanding Birthing Centers

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2026, the Department of Social Services is updating the facility reimbursement rates for freestanding birthing centers for uncomplicated labor and delivery. This update applies to the rate for in-state, border and out-of-state birthing centers enrolled with the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP).

There are **no** changes to existing billing requirements or regulations for payment of services. Birthing center facility services must continue to be billed using the appropriate assigned Revenue Center Codes (RCCs):

- RCC 724 - when the labor and delivery are completed at the birth center
- RCC 729 - when labor begins at the birth center but is transferred to a hospital for delivery or post-delivery care (post-partum care)

The facility fee for birthing center(s) is considered an all-inclusive rate for covered birth center services. Birth Center(s) reimbursement includes labor, delivery, recovery of the maternal patient; nursery care, services provided to the infant patient; and other ambulatory services within the provider's scope of services established by the Department of Public Health.

Providers must continue to refer to the Freestanding Birthing Center fee schedule located on the CMAP Web site: www.ctdssmap.com for the most current reimbursement rates.

Please note that any claims submitted prior to dates of service May 1, 2026, will be reimbursed at the previously established rate.

Professional Services

There are no changes to the reimbursement for professional services rendered at a birthing center. Professional services rendered by physicians, certified nurse midwives, or other qualified practitioners are not included in the facility fee and professional services must be billed separately and in accordance with established policy and regulations for the applicable provider type.

Accessing Birth Center Regulations

Birth Centers regulations are posted on the CMAP Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. To locate the regulations please go to Publications and then select Provider Manuals, Chapter 7 and choose "Birth Center" from the drop-down box.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then select the applicable fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule

on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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