

Newborns Billing Guidance

Guidance for Billing and Payment of Services Provided to Pregnant Women and Newborns

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is providing the following guidance to hospitals and healthcare providers in billing for services provided to newborns born to mothers covered under Washington Apple Health. The scenarios below may not align with the Erin Act but are designed to ensure prompt payment. Please send any questions to the HCA MC Programs mailbox at HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov using “Newborn Coverage” in the subject line.

- **Newborns born to mothers who are covered under Apple Health and enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO):**
 - Services provided to women in this category are billed to the MCO according to HCA billing guides.
 - Services provided to the newborn may be billed to the mother’s MCO in the following ways:
 - If the Newborn has or receives their own Client ID, services provided to the newborn, i.e. nursery services, must be billed under this ID.
 - If the Newborn does not receive their own client ID, services are billable to the mother’s MCO. Consult the mother’s MCO for the billing procedure.
 - To ensure there are no delays in receiving payment, advise mothers to apply for Apple Health for their newborn through the www.wahealthplanfinder.org portal, by calling 1-855-923-4633 or contacting an in-person assister as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days after the date of birth.

- **Newborns born to mothers who are covered under Apple Health but not enrolled in an MCO:**
 - Services provided to women in this category are billed according to the HCA billing instructions.
 - Services provided to the newborn may be billed in the following ways:
 - If the newborn has or receives their own Client ID, services provided to the newborn are billed under this ID to their assigned MCO.
 - If the newborn does not receive their own client ID, please work with the mother to report the birth of their newborn via the www.wahealthplanfinder.org portal or by calling 1-855-923-4633. If you have any questions, please consult the billing instructions or contact the Medical Assistance Customer Service Center (MACSC) at (800) 562-3022.
 - Newborns born to mothers covered by the Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) programs will be provided their own client ID and assigned to an MCO consistent with HCA enrollment rules. Services provided to the newborn should be billed to the assigned MCO. Contact the MCO for the appropriate billing process.

- **Newborns born to mothers who have Private Insurance and Apple Health**
 - Services provided to women in this category must be billed to their private insurance.
 - Services provided to the newborn must be billed to their mother’s private insurance if enrolled. Additional costs may be billable to the assigned MCO.

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- If newborn is not enrolled in mother's private insurance but is enrolled in Apple Health Managed Care, services provided to the newborn must be billed to the assigned MCO and billed according to their billing process.

An Apple Health (Medicaid) client must not be charged any out of pocket costs for Apple Health (Medicaid) covered services

- **Newborns who are placed in foster care**

- Services provided to newborns who are placed in foster care must be billed to the MCO the newborn is enrolled with at the time of birth.
- If the child is not identified as eligible for Apple Health and not assigned to an MCO, please contact the HCA MC Programs mailbox at HCAMCPROGRAMS@HCA.WA.GOV using "Newborn Coverage" in the subject line. We will help to resolve the issue. To assist with your questions, please provide:
 - Newborn's name (if known),
 - Newborn date of birth,
 - Mother's name, and
 - Mother's date of birth.