

PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

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12 Month Postpartum Coverage for Medicaid and CHIP Pregnant Members

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) extended its postpartum Medicaid coverage from two to 12 months for eligible women, effective March 1, 2024.

HHSC is also providing 12 months of postpartum CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) coverage. The 12 months of postpartum coverage begins the month after a pregnancy has ended.

Eligible recipients include:

- Medicaid or CHIP recipients who are pregnant or become pregnant and women who enroll because they become pregnant.
- Medicaid or CHIP recipients who were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP while pregnant or are no longer pregnant but are still within their 12-month postpartum period.
- Women who received services while pregnant in Texas that would have been covered by Medicaid but who apply for Medicaid after their pregnancy ends.
 Medicaid applicants with unpaid medical bills can apply for coverage for up to three months before their application month. This doesn't apply to CHIP applicants.

To learn more, visit HHS Medicaid for Pregnant Women and CHIP Perinatal webpage or call 2-1-1 and choose Option 2.

Providing Quality Care

Driscoll Health Plan provides clinical practice guidelines to serve as a framework for clinical decisions and supporting best practices. They are based upon leading research-based evidence and practice experience intended to optimize patient care which includes well care.

All guidelines are reviewed annually and upon publication of new standards and scientific evidence. Providers may access our most recent clinical practice guidelines on our Driscoll Health Plan website and provider portal.

Click **here** to stay up-to-date with guidelines and important information.

Community Resources

Each month, Driscoll Health Plan's Community Outreach team organizes numerous community events open to members and non-members. Families are provided with essential items, learning opportunities and connected to local resources at no cost.

We recommend staying informed about upcoming events, as your ability to effectively share information with your patients is invaluable.

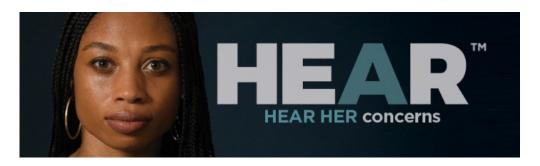
For more information, visit our **Community Events page**.

HEAR HER® Campaign

Your contribution as a healthcare professional is paramount to eliminating preventable maternal mortality.

A crucial point entails fostering genuine, open discussions to effectively tackle any arising issues during the pregnancy and postpartum period. By educating patients on urgent maternal warning signs and knowing when to seek immediate medical attention, you can empower them to take proactive steps in safeguarding their health and reducing the risk of preventable maternal mortality.

Click the picture to learn more about the HEAR HER Campaign.





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