



Driscoll Health Plan

News and Updates



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Attention: Post-Partum Eligibility and Billing TMHP for Claims for the month of March

Effective March 1, 2024 the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) extended its postpartum Medicaid coverage from two to 12 months for eligible women. HHSC is also providing 12 months of postpartum CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) coverage beginning the month after a pregnancy has ended.

Driscoll Health Plan (DHP) has been notified that there are approximately 2,000 members in their post-partum period that are eligible for Medicaid on March 1, 2024, however:

- Members will not show as eligible with Driscoll Health Plan until April 1, 2024.
- Claims will need to be submitted to TMHP for March dates of service only.
- Dates of Service on or after April 1, 2024, can be submitted to DHP.

If you receive a claim denial from DHP for a date of service in March due to eligibility, please be sure to check the TMHP portal to verify eligibility.

Eligible Recipients

Effective March 1, 2024, eligible recipients include:

- Medicaid or CHIP recipients who are pregnant or become pregnant and women who enroll because they become pregnant.
 - o CHIP Perinatal (CHIP-P) recipients are not eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage. They'll continue to receive CHIP-P coverage through the end of the month when their pregnancy ends plus two postpartum visits.
- Medicaid or CHIP recipients who were enrolled while pregnant or are no longer pregnant but are still within their 12-month postpartum period.
 - o Women who transitioned from Medicaid or CHIP to Healthy Texas Women (HTW) after their pregnancy ended and who are within their 12 months postpartum period will be reinstated to full coverage Medicaid or CHIP.
- 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.

Coverage

Medicaid and CHIP recipients don't need to apply to have their coverage extended. Coverage will be reinstated for the remainder of the 12-month postpartum period for women who are not current Medicaid or CHIP recipients but who were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP in Texas while pregnant and are still within their 12-month postpartum period (if they are still residents of Texas). They'll get a notice by mail or through their Your Texas Benefits account.

* To access the DHP provider portal, visit driscollhealthplan.com