

# Provider Newsletter



## Formulary Update: Expanded Access to Aspirin Products

Driscoll Health Plan is pleased to announce that, effective January 1, 2026, all aspirin National Drug Codes (NDCs) have been added to the formulary. This change is intended to improve access to aspirin therapy for women at high risk for preeclampsia. This update supports evidence-based clinical recommendations and aims to reduce barriers to preventive care for this high-risk population.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Driscoll Health Plan Pharmacy Team.



## CLIA Certifications and Enrollment Through PEMS



**This is a reminder that all providers of laboratory services must comply with the rules and regulations of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA). To meet these requirements, providers:**

- Must update their CLIA certifications in the TMHP Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS).
- May only bill for services that are covered under their current CLIA certification.

**Driscoll Health Plan (DHP) will only reimburse providers for laboratory services if they:**

- Comply with CLIA.
- Have CLIA certification for the procedure code being billed.

- Note: DHP will not reimburse any claims for a procedure without appropriate CLIA certification.

## Updating CLIA Certifications in PEMS

- Providers must update their CLIA certifications during their provider enrollment revalidation in PEMS by clicking the License/Certification/Accreditation tab.
- For more information about updating CLIA certifications in PEMS, refer to the button below.
- All services that require certification will be verified with PEMS effective 03/01/2026.

Please monitor your EOPs for CLIA related issues (informational remark codes) on submitted claims starting the week of 03/01/26. Effective 06/01/2026, these issues will result in claims denials.

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## Reminder of Changes to Provider Incentives



### Effective 09/01/2025:

- HHSC requires Providers Opt In or Opt Out prior to receiving incentives.
- Changing the filing period from calendar year to fiscal year (Sept. 2025 - Aug. 2026)
- Changes made to the payment schedule quarterly payments to absorb runout periods.

- Metrics for each initiative have been added to Incentive Table (based on provider panel)
- Adjustment to BH payment tiers from 3 payment tiers to 2 payment tiers.

### Changes to Extended Office Hours Care:

- PCP rates for afterhours adjusted for face-to-face and Telemedicine.
- Membership Satisfaction Survey metric required to receive initiative.
- Afterhours initiative removed from BH and OB providers.

## Driscoll Health Plan's Provider Toolkits and Clinical Resources

Below are links designed to equip providers with an extensive array of tools, resources, and comprehensive information aimed at enhancing clinical efficiency and facilitating the delivery of superior patient care.

Through this hub, healthcare professionals can access valuable insights and support to optimize healthcare outcomes and streamline their practice operations.

[Dental Toolkit](#)

[C-Section Toolkit](#)

[Clinical Guidelines](#)

[Depression in Pregnancy Toolkit](#)



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