



Providers Required to Distribute Notice About Newborn Medicaid

Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026

Parkland Community Health Plan (PCHP) is sharing important information regarding new requirements established under House Bill 3940, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. These requirements take effect Jan. 1, 2026, and apply to all providers serving newborn Medicaid members.

Key Details

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, providers must distribute updated educational materials on newborn Medicaid coverage to the parent or caregiver of each newborn, as required by House Bill 3940. HHSC's Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice explains that newborns are automatically eligible for Medicaid and that providers may use the mother's Medicaid ID number for claims until a separate Medicaid ID is assigned to the newborn.

Resources

The [Information for Parents of Newborns booklet](#) and [A Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy Children](#) have been updated to include information about Medicaid benefits for newborns, eligibility requirements, the application and enrollment process, and how to report a child's birth.

These updated materials are available on the [Maternal and Child Health Publications](#) page of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website.

Action Required

Providers must follow the guidance in this communication and in the HHSC Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice, ensure their staff are informed of this new responsibility, and make any necessary adjustments to their daily operations. Providers are required to document their distribution of the coverage notice and retain that documentation for at least five years.

If you have any questions, please contact PCHP Provider Relations at PCHP.ProviderRelations@phs.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving our members.