



Newborn Medicaid coverage updates

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has issued a newborn Medicaid coverage notice that newborn children are automatically eligible for Medicaid and that you may use the mother's Medicaid ID number for claims until the child is assigned a separate Medicaid ID.

If the mother of the newborn child had Medicaid coverage at the time of the child's birth, the child will get Medicaid benefits until the child turns 1 year old. The facility where the child was born will notify HHSC about the birth, and the child will be assigned an identification number.

You may use the mother's Medicaid identification number for coverage of services the child receives until the child has their own Medicaid identification number.

What this means for you

You'll need to distribute [these updated materials](#) about the newborn Medicaid coverage to the parent or caregiver of a newborn child. Also, document the distribution of the coverage notice and retain that documentation for at least 5 years.

Questions? We're here to help.

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