

Active Participation and Bonus Payments

Active participation is required for DHCPs to receive the initial prenatal and postpartum bonus payments. The three requirements that constitute “Active Participation” are:

- Participating in the development of the care plan with the ACHN
- Participating in the DHCP selection and referral process
- Providing data to the ACHN

The submission of timely prenatal and postpartum records is essential to receiving your bonus payments.

Billing for Bonus Payments

Chapter 40 of the Provider Manual covers billing for DHCPs. **Section 40.43.4: Procedure Codes, Modifiers, and Rates** includes a section related to the initial prenatal and postpartum bonus payments (page 47).

The Alabama Medicaid Agency will pay \$150 for each bonus payment. **To receive the bonus payment, the following procedure codes must be submitted on a separate claim:**

- **H1000-Initial Prenatal Visit.** Actively participating DHCPs may bill procedure code **H1000** if the following criteria are met:
 - the Medicaid recipient has a confirmed pregnancy by a medical professional and/or lab test on or before the date of service, and
 - the Medicaid recipient completes a gynecology/obstetrics medical visit within 90 days (12 weeks) of the last menstrual period.
- **G9357-Postpartum Visit.** Actively participating DHCPs may bill procedure code **G9357** if the following criteria are met:
 - the Medicaid recipient has delivered (including miscarriages/spontaneous abortions),
 - a paid delivery claim has been processed by the Alabama Medicaid Agency, and
 - the Medicaid recipient completes a visit with the DHCP between 21 and 56 days of the delivery
- If a provider files procedure code **G9357 between 21 and 56 days of delivery and receives a denial**, the provider may submit an **override request**.

We Can Help!

Our Care Coordination services are available to help your patients get healthy and stay healthy. You can find referral forms on our website:

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The DHCP Digest

ACHN Provider eBook

Dr. N. Rao Thotakura, Medical Director for NACC, has created an eBook as a reference tool for providers. The eBook covers common topics including, but not limited to, the ACHN program overview, ACHN organization information, provider participation requirements, and Eligible Individual covered services. Additionally, the eBook includes relevant DHCP information such as care coordination, quality improvement, and reimbursements/payments.

The eBook can be found at:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/5.0_Managed_Care/5.1_ACHN/5.1.3_ACHN_Providers/5.1.3_ACHN_eBook_2022_1-27-22.pdf

If you are unable to use the above link, visit: www.medicaid.alabama.gov

- Select **ACHN** > Select **ACHN Providers** > Under **Program Documents: *ACHN eBook 2022***

Quality Measures: Dietitian Referrals

Under our Adverse Birth Outcomes initiative, we are identifying recipients who have a BMI ≥ 30 and/or fail their GTT. As a provider, you are a key figure in addressing these issues. If you have a recipient that falls into either (or both) categories, **please refer them to us for Dietitian Services**. We have two Registered Dietitians on staff ready to provide guidance on healthy eating habits to ensure a healthier pregnancy.

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)

The Alabama Medicaid Agency received approval from CMS for statewide coverage of Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) related services effective January 1, 2022. NFP is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program that provides prenatal, postpartum, and infant home visiting services until the child reaches age two. Eligibility criteria for these services include Medicaid-eligible women who are first-time mothers and/or have a high-risk pregnancy. High-risk pregnancy includes consideration of the mother's age (less than 17 or older than 35), previous negative pregnancy outcomes, and those with existing medical conditions prior to becoming pregnant.

Goals of the NFP program

- Improving health outcomes for mother and child
- Decreasing total Medicaid expenditures among families who receive NFP services
- Increasing healthy spacing between births to 24 months
- Reducing infant and maternal mortality

Reimbursement Information: NFP services will be reimbursed once per month, per participating family unit/NFP Client ID in the amount of \$765.47. The first date of service eligible for payment will be July 1, 2022. For complete information on the program, instructions on how to apply, and billing information, please visit:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/5.0_Managed_Care/5.3_Nurse-Family_Partnership.aspx

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