

December 2, 2015

<Provider Name>  
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<Provider City> <state> <zipcode5-zip4>

Dear Provider:

**RE:** Billing Newborn Services When the Mother is Enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP)

This letter is being sent to clarify Medicaid Policy for billing newborn services when the mother is enrolled in a MHP. Current policy is outlined within the Beneficiary Eligibility Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual, Section 7 – Newborn Child Eligibility: If the mother is enrolled in a MHP at the time of delivery, the newborn's services are also the responsibility of the MHP unless the child is placed in foster care.

Providers are advised to validate the mother's enrollment in a MHP when rendering services for newborns to ensure services are billed appropriately to the correct payer. All newborn charges must be billed to the MHP using the newborn's ID. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will no longer reimburse claims for newborns when the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) identifies the mother is enrolled in a MHP. Initial informational claim editing will begin with claims adjudicated on or after December 11, 2015. Providers will see the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 128 – *Newborn's services are covered in mother's allowance* on their remittance advice. Providers will be notified at a later date prior to the editing changing from an informational edit to a deny-level edit. Timely retro-enrollment of the newborn into the mother's health plan will continue.

Providers should contact the mother's health plan directly for additional assistance if needed, or Provider Support at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,



Chris Priest, Director  
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