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Providers Required to Distribute Notice About Newborn Medicaid Coverage

Background:

In accordance with House Bill 3940, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, beginning Jan. 1, 2026, providers will be required to distribute updated materials about newborn Medicaid coverage to the parent or caregiver of a newborn child.

Key Details:

HHSC has issued a [Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice](#) to inform parents and caregivers that newborn children are automatically eligible for Medicaid and that providers may use the mother's Medicaid ID number for claims until the child is assigned a separate Medicaid ID.

MCOs must make providers in their networks aware of the coverage notice and the requirement to document their distribution of the notice and retain that documentation for at least five years.

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 process, and how to report a child's birth for enrollment.

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

Additional Information:

House Bill 3940 affirms that Medicaid Managed Care Organizations must accept and adjudicate newborn claims submitted using the mother's Medicaid ID number when a separate Medicaid ID has not yet been assigned for the newborn. HB 3940 does not restrict or eliminate the use of proxy IDs for newborn claims by Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

Resources:

Policy or Operational Documents:	House Bill 3940, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice
Other:	The Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice, Information for Parents of Newborns resource pamphlet, and A Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy Children resource guide are available at https://www.dshs.texas.gov/maternal-child-health/maternal-and-child-health-publications

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