



Provider Alert

Clarification on the 599 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Federal Mandate length of stay rule does not apply for 599 CHIP Members

As a UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Nebraska care provider, you may be familiar with the 599 CHIP category of members: a unique population of unborn patients whose mothers are not eligible for Medicaid. Recently we've received questions on how the 599 CHIP policy is affected by the federally mandated length of stay rule for delivery, so we have clarified the policy below.

The 599 CHIP policy covers a limited set of services, such as prenatal care and pregnancy-related services that are solely for the health of the unborn child. Because the benefit is only for the unborn member, it does not cover postpartum care and medical issues separate to the pregnant woman's health, or any issues unrelated to the pregnancy.

Similarly, the federally mandated length of stay rule for delivery does **not** apply to 599 CHIP delivery cases. The mandate is intended only to stop group and individual insurance plans from denying a hospital stay when maternity coverage is provided under those plans. For this reason, maternity/delivery notifications will be covered administratively until the delivery date only for 599 CHIP unborn members.

599 CHIP Billing

Because coverage of maternity/delivery notifications ends after delivery for 599 CHIP unborn members, global billing is not allowed. When submitting 599 CHIP claims, please include the following information:

- The mother's first name or UNBORN
- The last name on the member ID card
- The member ID on the card
- The mother's date of birth or the member effective date. You can find the effective date by calling Nebraska Medicaid Eligibility Service at 402-471-9580 in Lincoln or 800-642-6092 anywhere else.

If you have any questions on the policy, please contact Provider Services at **866-331-2243**. Thank you.