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Newborn Medicaid Coverage Materials Distribution

Guidance from Aetna Better Health of Texas

Effective January 1, 2026

Dear Provider,

Aetna Better Health of Texas is committed to supporting providers in compliance with House Bill 3940 (89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025). Beginning January 1, 2026, all providers are required to distribute updated information regarding newborn Medicaid coverage to the parent or caregiver of each newborn child.

Key Actions for Providers

- Distribute the Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice from HHSC to parents or caregivers. [Newborn Medicaid Coverage Notice](#)
- Inform families that newborns are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Until a newborn receives a separate Medicaid ID, claims may be submitted using the mother's Medicaid ID number.
- HHSC requires the expectant mother's provider to fill out the Emergency Medicaid Services Certification form H3038
- Document each distribution of the notice and retain this documentation for a minimum of five years.

Key Resources Available

The following materials provide up-to-date information on newborn Medicaid benefits, eligibility, application procedures, and the process for reporting a child's birth for enrollment:

- Information for Parents of Newborns booklet [Information for Parents of Newborns](#)



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- A Parent's Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy Children [Parent Resource Guide Final 2022 \(Digital Version\)](#)

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

Additional Guidance for Medicaid Managed Care Organizations

Aetna Better Health of Texas will accept and process newborn claims submitted using the mother's Medicaid ID number until a separate ID is assigned to the newborn. The use of proxy IDs for newborn claims will continue to be permitted.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please visit the DSHS website or contact your ABH of TX Provider Experience Team at ABHTXProviderEngagement@aetna.com

Thank you,

Aetna Better Health of Texas Provider Experience.