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Providers Required to Distribute Notice About Newborn Medicaid Coverage

Attention: Providers

Purpose:

Dell Children's Health Plan would like to inform providers that 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:

Texas Health and Human Services (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.

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.

If you have questions, need assistance or need further clarification, please contact Dell Children's Health Plan by emailing us at shpproviderservices@seton.org or calling us at **1-512-324-3125, option 4 (TTY 7-1-1)**.