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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.

Providers in our network please be aware of the requirement to document the distribution of the notice and retain this 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.

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

QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Community Provider Performance Manager (provider representative). E-mail: ProviderRelationsInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org