

**Alabama Medicaid Agency
Maternity Care Program
Primary Contractor and Regional Care Organization Transition Process**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency announced the delay of the RCO program implementation to a date yet to be determined. As a result, the Agency will amend the Request for Proposal (RFP) and Regional Care Organization (RCO) contract language to reflect changes in both contracts. The Primary Contractor (PC) will be responsible for Maternity Care Services up to 11:59 pm CT prior to the effective date a RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract.

Deliveries That Occur Prior to the RCO Implementation Date

For deliveries that occur prior to the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract, the PC will have 90 days after this effective date to submit outstanding claims to the Agency for global payment reimbursement, resolve all billing issues and complete service database entries.

For recipients who have not delivered as of 11:59 pm CT prior to the effective date a RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract and transition to an RCO the following will occur:

The PC:

1. Will not receive global payments for pregnant recipients transitioning to a RCO.
2. Will bill the transition fee to Medicaid for each pregnant recipient transitioning into the RCO. This transition fee is for admin and care coordination provided up to 11:59 pm CT prior to the effective date a Regional Care Organization (RCO) begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract.
3. Will bill the transition fee to Medicaid within 90 days of the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract and will bill no more than the allotted amount.
4. Will not enroll new recipients after the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services pursuant to a risk-based contract and will coordinate and cooperate with the RCO in the assigned region to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of recipient care.

Delivering Healthcare Professional (DHCP) and Other Provider:

1. Will bill Medicaid for all outstanding claims for covered services provided for a pregnant recipient that has not delivered prior to 11:59 pm CT of the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services. Outstanding claims will be billed for no more than the Medicaid fee schedule and will be subject to the timely filing limit guideline.

Medicaid:

1. Will pay the DHCP(s) and other providers for all fee-for-service covered services provided up to 11:59 pm CT prior to the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services according to the fee schedule and according to reimbursement guidelines.
2. Will pay the PC transition fees for each recipient transitioning into the RCO.
3. Will recover from the RCO(s) all fee-for-service funds paid to the DHCP(s) and other providers and the transitioning fees for services provided up to 11:59 pm CT prior to the effective date an RCO begins accepting risk for Maternity Care Services.