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TO: All Maternity Care Providers

RE: Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model

In January 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) funding to enhance maternal health and birth outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women, as well as their infants. Alabama was one of 15 states to receive the grant as part of the new Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model. The TMaH Model is a 10-year initiative aimed at improving care delivery for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) recipients.

Alabama's participation in the TMaH Model can increase access to essential maternal health services and support hospitals and health systems in achieving the CMS "Birthing-Friendly" designation—the first federal quality standard focused on maternal health. The initiative also prioritizes screening for social determinants of health, such as food insecurity, housing instability, and substance use disorders, connecting mothers to community-based resources for additional support. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that mothers and their newborns receive the care and resources they need to thrive, with a focus on safety, empowerment, and long-term health.

There will be several opportunities for providers to learn more about the TMaH Model in the future. Updates will be posted on the Alabama Medicaid Website.

For more information on TMaH Model, visit [Transforming Maternal Health \(TMaH\) Model | CMS](#).

If you have any questions about this initiative, please email us for more information at TMAH@medicaid.alabama.gov.