

Provider FAQs for Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnancy (PEP)

Do women with PEP coverage also have dental coverage?

No. PEP only covers ambulatory prenatal care.

Do women with PEP coverage need a referral to see a doctor for prenatal care?

No referral is needed under PEP.

If a woman has Medicaid already, does she need to apply for PEP?

No. A woman with full Medicaid coverage has coverage for prenatal care and does not need PEP.

If a pregnant woman is on PEP and determined to be ineligible for Medicaid, will her prenatal visits under PEP still be paid?

Eligible claims for eligible services provided under the PEP benefit plan will be paid even if the woman is determined to be ineligible for Medicaid or fails to complete an application for Medicaid.

What information do we need to include in the email to the Agency for PEP?

This will be a part of the training for the qualified PEP providers. Information about that training is available at

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.7_PEP.aspx.

Will it be the responsibility of the Maternity Care Provider to notify the ACHN when they need a referral?

Women covered under the PEP benefit plan do not need an ACHN referral to see a Maternity Care Provider for prenatal care. When the application is completed and she is awarded coverage for Medicaid, she will be assigned to an ACHN and the normal ACHN referral processes will occur.

Will the eligibility determination also cover prenatal lab work performed by LabCorp or other outside lab vendors?

The PEP benefit plan covers three types of claims: professional claims, outpatient claims and pharmacy claims. Claims for lab work and ultrasound, for example, would fall under outpatient claims. Those would be a covered benefit under the PEP benefit plan.

Will a patient show full coverage in the web portal or will there be a different coverage type or eligibility for PEP?

PEP is a different benefit plan and the eligibility response will reflect this in the web portal.

What happens if the patient delivers her baby while on PEP?

PEP would not cover the inpatient hospitalization since inpatient claims are not a part of the PEP benefit plan, but there are other possibilities for coverage. The individual should complete an application for full coverage as soon as possible so that inpatient services are covered if determined eligible.

Does the practice enroll in training for the entire group of providers or does each provider who will be determining eligibility need to enroll individually for training?

Yes. The practice and the individuals who will be determining eligibility for PEP will enroll in PEP training provided by the Alabama Medicaid Beneficiary Services Unit. Requests for provider training should be sent to PEP@medicaid.alabama.gov.

Does the applicant need to be a U.S. citizen to be covered by PEP?

This is addressed on the PEP application asking the respondent to mark yes or no if they are a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen. If the individual marks yes, and all other requirements are met, then the application can be approved. If the individual marks no, the PEP application is not approved, and the individual should be referred to complete an application at <https://insurealabama.adph.state.al.us>.