

Rule No. 560-X-45-.10 High Risk Protocols

(1) High-risk care under the Maternity Care Program (MCP) shall be provided as outlined in the ~~Invitation to Bid~~Contract documents and the Maternity Care Program Operational Manual.

(2) Each recipient entering the MCP shall be assessed for high-risk pregnancy status and referred to a Delivering Healthcare Professional (DHCP) qualified to provide high-risk care if the assessment reflects a condition that cannot be appropriately handled in routine prenatal care sites.

(3) Primary Contractors and their ~~Delivering Healthcare Professionals~~DHCPs are responsible for identification and referral of high-risk recipients to the appropriate high-risk referral site or appropriate high-risk physician.

(4) A high-risk assessment tool approved by the Medicaid Agency shall be utilized in performing risk assessments.

(5) The reimbursement for high-risk care provided by a Teaching Physician (as defined in Section 4.19-B of the State Plan) is excluded from the global and may be billed fee-for-service.

(6) The reimbursement for high-risk care provided by a Medicaid Enrolled Board Certified ~~or Board Eligible Perinatologist~~Perinatologist is excluded from the global and may be billed fee-for-service.

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