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 is excluded from the global and may be billed fee-for-service.

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Statutory Authority: Section 1932 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; Section 1905(t)(3) of the Social Security Act; 42 CFR Section 438; Alabama Medicaid Agency State Plan and approved 1915(b) Waiver.