

# Postpartum Coverage in HUSKY A and HUSKY B FAQ - April 1, 2022

## Overview of Postpartum Coverage in HUSKY A and HUSKY B

### What is Postpartum Coverage in HUSKY A?

Effective April 1, 2022, expansion of postpartum coverage in HUSKY A will extend the postpartum coverage period offered to Medicaid-eligible pregnant individuals from two months to 12 months. Eligible individuals will receive the full HUSKY A/Medicaid benefit package, not simply maternity or pregnancy-related services.

### What is Postpartum Coverage in HUSKY B?

Effective April 1, 2022, postpartum coverage in HUSKY B will allow pregnant individuals a postpartum coverage period of 12 months (excluding those in the new HUSKY B – Prenatal Care group). Eligible individuals will receive the full HUSKY B/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefit package, not simply maternity or pregnancy-related services.

### Who is eligible?

Individuals qualify if:

- Their pregnancy ends on or after April 1, 2022, or
- Their pregnancy ends before April 1, 2022, but are still within their 12-month postpartum period.
- Meet all other applicable Medicaid and/or CHIP eligibility criteria.

\*Please note that eligible individuals are entitled to the full postpartum coverage period regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends.

**When will my new postpartum coverage begin?**

System changes to support this program are currently being implemented. Based on information we have in our system about your recent pregnancy, DSS will notify you if you qualify. You will receive a notice confirming your enrollment. Any approved application we receive in April will have coverage starting on 4/1/22.

**When will the postpartum coverage end?**

Coverage will end on the last day of the last month of an eligible individual's 12-month postpartum period.

**What if my situation changes during the 12-month postpartum period?**

Active enrollees will be entitled to continuous coverage during the postpartum period; that is, they will remain eligible regardless of changes in circumstances that may affect eligibility, such as a change in income or in family size. Exceptions include moving out of state, death, or if an individual requests to disenroll.

**I am already on HUSKY A or HUSKY B. Do I have to submit a separate application for postpartum coverage when I am no longer pregnant?**

DSS will automatically assess eligibility upon notification of birth or end of pregnancy. A separate application is not needed.

**For more information, please visit** <https://portal.ct.gov/HUSKY/New-Prenatal-Coverage-and-Extended-Postpartum-Coverage>.