

State Medical Postpartum Coverage FAQ – April 1, 2023

Overview of State Medical Postpartum Coverage

What is State Medical Postpartum Coverage?

Effective April 1, 2023, state-funded postpartum coverage will provide 12 months of postpartum care to recently pregnant individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid due to their immigration status (i.e., those who qualify for the HUSKY B – Prenatal Coverage group).

Eligible individuals will receive the full HUSKY A/Medicaid benefit package, not simply maternity or pregnancy-related services.

Who is eligible?

Individuals qualify if:

- They do not qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status
- Their pregnancy ends on or after April 1, 2023, **or** their pregnancy ends before April 1, 2023, but are still within their 12-month postpartum period.
- Meet all other applicable Medicaid eligibility criteria, including having a household income under 264% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Eligible individuals are entitled to the full postpartum coverage period regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends.

When will my new coverage begin?

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.

When will my 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 B Prenatal Care. Do I have to submit a separate application for postpartum coverage when I am no longer pregnant?

No. DSS will automatically assess eligibility upon notification of birth or end of pregnancy. A separate application is not needed.

Does this program affect my ability to apply for citizenship?

No. Enrollment in State Medical Postpartum Coverage will not affect an individual's application for citizenship. DSS does not share information about state-funded coverage to Immigration Services or the Department of Homeland Security.

I still have questions about my eligibility for coverage, who should I contact?

For questions about your eligibility for coverage, contact Access Health CT at 1-855-805-4325.

Overview of Benefits

What are the State Medical Postpartum program's benefits?

This program provides the full range of HUSKY A benefits including pregnancy and postpartum-related care, preventive care, dental and behavioral care, and other types of health care.

Additional information on HUSKY Health benefits can be found at

<https://portal.ct.gov/HUSKY/Benefit-Overview>.

Will I receive a card?

Yes. Eligible members will receive a CONNECT card ("gray card") and HUSKY Health card ("blue and white card").

Which doctors and hospitals participate?

Doctors, hospitals, and other providers who normally accept Medicaid will participate.

What coverage is available for my newborn?

At birth, your baby will receive Medicaid health care coverage under the HUSKY A – Newborn program.

For more information, please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/HUSKY/New-State-Medical-Postpartum-Coverage> .

I still have questions about covered services, who should I contact?

For questions about covered services, contact HUSKY Member Services at 1-800-859-9889.