

HUSKY B-Prenatal Care (the CHIP “Unborn Child” Option) FAQ – Effective April 1, 2022

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Overview of HUSKY B-Prenatal Care

What is HUSKY B-Prenatal Care?

HUSKY B-Prenatal Care provides health care to pregnant non-citizens. The federal Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) allows states to include unborn children in their CHIP program. This coverage then allows for prenatal care and other health care for pregnant non-citizens who do not qualify for Medicaid.

Who is eligible?

Eligible individuals must:

- Be pregnant;
- Be a non-citizen or immigrant that does not qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status; and
- have a household income up to 263% of the federal poverty income limit (FPL).

*Please note that unlike in traditional HUSKY B, there is no age limit or age requirement for this program.

How much does the coverage cost?

There is no premium (monthly charge) for HUSKY B Prenatal Coverage. Also, there are no copayments for pregnancy related care, such as prenatal office visits or vitamins. There is cost-sharing, such as copayments for other HUSKY B services, such as specialist visits and dental services. For more information on HUSKY Health benefits, go to <https://portal.ct.gov/HUSKY/Benefit-Overview>.

How do I apply?

Individuals who wish to apply for this program can contact Access Health CT.

- Online: AccessHealthCT.com (Live chat: AccessHealthCT.com click “Live Chat” icon)
- Phone: 1-855-805-4325
- If you are deaf or hearing impaired, you may use TTY at 1-855-789-2428 or call with a relay operator.

Does this program affect my ability to apply for citizenship?

No. Enrollment in HUSKY B Prenatal Care will not affect an individual's application for citizenship. In addition, DSS does not report information to Immigration Services or the Department of Homeland Security.

Click below to access more information on the official Department of Homeland Security statement:

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/03/09/dhs-statement-litigation-related-public-charge-ground-inadmissibility>

Overview of Benefits

What are the HUSKY B-Prenatal Care benefits?

This program provides the full range of HUSKY B benefits including pregnancy-related care, preventive care, dental and behavioral care, and other types of health care. Pregnancy-related care includes prenatal doctor visits, prenatal vitamins, ultrasounds, other tests, and more. 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").

Will labor and delivery be covered?

Yes. Labor and delivery will be automatically covered for non-citizens. Active enrollees on HUSKY B-Prenatal Care will not be required to submit a separate application for labor and delivery coverage.

Which doctors and hospitals participate?

Doctors, hospitals, and other providers who normally accept Medicaid and CHIP 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.