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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs)

RE: Obstetrics Pay for Performance Program

The Department of Social Services is introducing a second Pay for Performance (P4P) Program in obstetrics care, beginning June 1, 2015. The purpose of this program is to improve care for pregnant women and outcomes of newborns, who are covered under the HUSKY Health program. Obstetrical P4P payments are in addition to current fee-for-service payments.

The following providers are eligible to participate in the obstetric P4P Program: family medicine physicians, obstetrician/gynecologists, obstetric nurse practitioners, family medicine nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified nurse midwives. All such providers must be currently enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) network and must be providing obstetric care to eligible HUSKY Health clients.

To be eligible for P4P payments, obstetrical services must be performed on dates of service June 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015. Data will be collected through May 31, 2016 to allow for claims run out. Payments will be distributed in calendar year 2016.

The Department will base P4P payments on the following performance measures (with their associated point values):

Measure	Point Value
Completion of the prenatal and postpartum online notification forms within 14 days of the first prenatal visit and within 14 days of the postpartum visit	10
First prenatal visit within 14 days of a confirmed pregnancy	15
At least one (1) postpartum visit within 21-56 days postpartum	30
Appropriate use of 17-alpha-hydroxyprogesterone in women who have a	10

history of spontaneous singleton preterm birth.

Full term, vaginal delivery after spontaneous labor whenever possible	35
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The Department will collect data on the provider's performance of the P4P measures from claims and from the online prenatal and postpartum notification forms. Only episodes of care for which providers use the online obstetrics notification forms will be eligible for the P4P Program.

Eligible obstetric providers can enroll in the P4P program by logging into HUSKY Health's secure provider portal and completing an initial OBP4P practice registration form. Providers will receive confirmation of their enrollment in the OBP4P upon receipt and can begin submitting the online prenatal and postpartum notification forms effective June 1, 2015.

Posting Instructions: Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com.

Responsible Unit: For questions related to the Obstetrics P4P Program, please contact the Department's Medical Administrative Services Organization, Community Health Network of Connecticut, at 1-877-606-5172 during the hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or send your email to obp4pquestion@chnct.org.

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For Prior Authorization questions, please contact Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT) at 1-800-440-5071.

As a reminder, DSS will no longer distribute paper communications to providers as of June 30, 2015. Please see PB15-23 for details.