



# Connecticut Medical Assistance Program

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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRNs), Physician Assistants and Certified Nurse Midwife (CNMs)  
RE: Obstetrics Pay for Performance Program

The Department of Social Services is introducing a Pay for Performance (P4P) Program in obstetrics care, beginning August 1, 2013. The purpose of this program is to improve the care for pregnant women and the outcomes of their newborns covered under the HUSKY Health programs. A total of \$1.2 million was appropriated by the Connecticut General Assembly to be paid to providers of obstetric care in State Fiscal Year 2015. Obstetrical P4P payments are in addition to current fee for service payments.

Providers eligible to participate in the obstetric P4P Program are providers currently enrolled as family medicine physicians, obstetrician/gynecologists, obstetric nurse practitioners, family medicine nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified nurse midwives enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) network and providing obstetric care to eligible HUSKY Health and Charter Oak Health Plan clients.

The following performance measures (with their associated point values) are those for which the Department will provide incentive payments:

- timely completion (within 14 days) of online obstetrics prenatal and post-partum notification forms (available at [www.HUSKYHealth.com](http://www.HUSKYHealth.com)) = 5 points each. The forms are available from the provider's secure site and can be accessed by clicking on "Forms" link on the left hand side.
- a first obstetric visit within 14 days after confirmation of pregnancy = 25 points
- at least one postpartum visit within 21 – 56 days after delivery = 25 points
- full-term, vaginal delivery after spontaneous labor whenever medically possible = 30 points
- appropriate use of 17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone when there is prior history of preterm labor = 30 points if used when indicated; 30 points subtracted from the provider's total if NOT used when clinically indicated.

Data on providers' performance on the above measures will be collected from claims and from the obstetrics notification forms, mentioned above. Only episodes of

care for which providers use the online obstetrics notification forms will be eligible for the P4P Program. Care provided on dates of service July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 will be eligible for the P4P payments. Data will be collected through December 31, 2014 to allow for claims run out. Shortly thereafter, all eligible points will be totaled; payments will be awarded by dividing the total \$1.2 million appropriated by the total points accrued over all practices. Each practice then receives their share of the pool, according to their total accrued points. Payments will be distributed in state fiscal year 2015.

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**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. EST, Monday through Friday.

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**Provider Resources:**

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