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RE: Postpartum Services

Dear Provider,

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) extended postpartum coverage for SoonerCare members from 60 days to 12 months. This means postpartum members will remain eligible from the last day of a member's pregnancy — regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends — through the end of the month in which the 12-month period ends.

Members receiving extended postpartum coverage remain eligible regardless of changes in circumstances that may affect eligibility such as change in income, household composition, reaching an age milestone, or loss of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for individuals eligible for Medicaid based on receipt of SSI. Exceptions to this include: the member requests voluntary termination; the individual ceases to be a state resident; or the agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse or perjury attributed to the individual. SoonerCare members eligible to receive the 12-month postpartum coverage period include:

- Current members who are pregnant as of Jan. 1, 2023, or who enroll based on pregnancy or become pregnant after Jan. 1, 2023.
- Current members who were enrolled in SoonerCare while pregnant and who are no longer pregnant Jan. 1, 2023, but who are still within a 12-month postpartum period.
- Individuals who apply for SoonerCare after their pregnancy ends but who received Medicaid-covered services in the state while pregnant on or after Jan. 1, 2023, if such services were received during a period of retroactive eligibility, provided they would have been eligible when they received such services if they had applied.



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This coverage does not apply to members who receive benefits through the Soon-to-be-Sooners program.

This extension of coverage provides continuous eligibility; it is not a new category of benefit. The benefits postpartum members receive will be according to the plan for which they are eligible.

Postpartum visits are included in the global payment for obstetrical care. A provider may separately bill for postpartum visits if they have not performed the delivery and no other provider billed for the global OB package. Additional postpartum visits are allowed based on medical necessity that requires submission of a prior authorization request.

We hope you find helpful the enclosed list of frequently asked questions received from providers related to eligibility, services covered and billing. If you have any questions regarding this change, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Traylor Rains", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Traylor Rains
State Medicaid Director