

# MEDICAID FOR PREGNANT WOMEN EXTENSION

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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MEDICAID  
FOR  
PREGNANT  
WOMEN  
INCOME  
LIMITS

Household size	Income Limit
2	\$2,991
3	\$3,762
4	\$4,533
5	\$5,304

Effective April 1, 2022.

## WHAT IS THE CHANGE?

- The 60-day postpartum will now be extended to 12-months.
- The postpartum period begins the day the pregnancy ends for any reason.
- Medicaid For Pregnant Women (MPW) will be full Medicaid coverage.

## WHAT IS THE POST-PARTUM PERIOD?

- The postpartum period is a full 12-months following the termination of pregnancy for any reason.
- The postpartum extension period begins on the date the pregnancy ends and extends through the end of the month in which the 12-month period ends.

## WHEN DOES THE CHANGE START?

- The effective date of this policy is April 1, 2022.
- This policy applies to all applications, recertifications, or reported changes in circumstance taken or in process and the woman receives pregnancy related services or is in their postpartum period on or after April 1, 2022.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Beneficiaries are eligible for the 12-month postpartum period if they were pregnant and received coverage in a Medicaid program that covered pregnancy related services in North Carolina on or after April 1, 2022.
- If the beneficiary was enrolled in a full Medicaid program while pregnant, they are eligible for the 12-month postpartum extension regardless of any changes in circumstances or if the pregnancy ends for any reason.

## EXAMPLES

- Mary was enrolled in MPW at the time her baby was born on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Twelve months after post- partum is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. MPW will terminate on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, considering she doesn't meet requirements to be eligible for another Medicaid program.
- Mary was enrolled in MPW when she had a miscarriage on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Twelve months after post- partum is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. MPW will terminate on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, considering she doesn't meet requirements to be eligible for another Medicaid program.

## TIPS WHEN WORKING WITH CLIENTS

- At the time of the application, client must be informed their Medicaid will extend 12 months after the termination of pregnancy, even if circumstances such as income change.
- Clients must also be informed about their options to obtain coverage through the Marketplace when Medicaid is going to terminate and SEP time frame (60 days before/after MPW terminates) and how to contact the Navigators.



# 12-MONTH POSTPARTUM MEDICAID



## WHO

- Pregnant women eligible and/or enrolled in a Medicaid program that covered pregnancy related services in NC on or after April 1, 2022.
- Medicaid eligibility rules have not changed in North Carolina. Income, residency and immigration status eligibility rules still apply.

## WHEN

The effective date of this policy is:

**April 1, 2022.**

The postpartum period is a full 12-months following the termination of the pregnancy for any reason.

## WHAT

If the Medicaid beneficiary was enrolled in a full Medicaid program while pregnant, or is eligible for full Medicaid at the time the pregnancy ends for any reason, their Medicaid coverage will be extended up to a year after the pregnancy ends for any reason.

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