BABYREADY PROGRAM

ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

The following providers are eligible to enroll in the BabyReady Program:

- Physician;
- Physician Assistant;
- Certified Nurse Practitioner;
- Certified Nurse Midwife;
- Clinics certified as a Rural Health Clinic (RHC);
- Clinics certified as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC); and
- Clinics designated as an Indian Health Services Clinic/Tribal 638

BabyReady Program providers are required to be enrolled with Medicaid and maintain credentials with a birthing hospital if the provider intends to perform the birth or maintain a relationship and communication with another provider or facility who can perform the birth including a process for timely transition of care.

Providers wishing to enroll as a BabyReady Program provider must complete the following forms:

- BabyReady Program Provider Application
- BabyReady Program Provider Addendum
- Barriers to Care Initiative

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Medicaid recipients who are 32 weeks or less gestation and reside in an area with a BabyReady Program provider will be automatically enrolled in the program.

Providers may request a pregnant recipient be added to their Medicaid caseload as long as the recipient has not yet given birth. Providers who want to add a recipient to their caseload should complete a BabyReady Opt-In & Selection Form. Recipients being added to a provider's caseload will appear on their caseload list the first of the following month.

Providers are responsible for checking a recipient's Medicaid ID card and verifying eligibility before providing services. Eligibility can be verified using the South Dakota Medicaid online provider portal. Refer to the Recipient Eligibility manual for additional information regarding eligibility including information regarding limited coverage aid categories.

End of Program Eligibility

At the end of the recipient's pregnancy, they will remain eligible for the BabyReady Program for 2 months. For the purposes of the 2-month period, month 1 is the month after the pregnancy ended. For example, if the recipient delivered in July, month 1 would be August. If a recipient experiences an unexpected end to their pregnancy such as a miscarriage or spontaneous termination, the provider

should complete a BabyReady Exit form. Recipients will be kept in the program for 2 months regardless of how the pregnancy ended.

Some recipients are not eligible for coverage after they deliver and are not eligible for the 2-months post deliver or miscarriage. Recipients whose aid category is 79-Unborn Children Prenatal Care Program do not qualify for the 2-months post-delivery or miscarriage.

Program Removal
Recipients have the right to select a non-participating BabyReady. If you have a recipient on your caseload that informs you they have selected another provider or if you are unable to establish care with a recipient after attempting to outreach them 4 times using 2 different methods, the provider should complete a BabyReady Exit form.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOMES

The goal of the BabyReady Program is to improve health outcomes for pregnant woman and the unborn child. South Dakota Medicaid will measure the following:

- The percentage of recipients who received prenatal care during their pregnancy.
- The percentage of recipients who initiated prenatal care early.
- The percentage of recipients who had adequate or adequate plus prenatal care according to the Kotelchuck index.
- The percentage of recipients who had a comprehensive postpartum visit.
- The percentage of recipients who had at least two well-child visits within 42 days of birth.

In addition to the specific goals above, South Dakota Medicaid will also monitor and review maternal and perinatal HEDIS measures in the Child and Adult core sets. South Dakota Medicaid will publish an annual report regarding BabyReady Program outcomes

GENERAL CARE REQUIREMENTS

As a condition of participating in the program the provider agrees to provide care in accordance with ACOG Guidelines. Participation in this program does not obligate providers to provide services that are not covered or not authorized by Medicaid.

BabyReady Program providers agree to maintain credentials with a birthing hospital if the provider intends to perform the birth or maintain a relationship and communication with another provider or facility who can perform the birth including a process for timely transition of care.

Providers also agree to have an initial visit with caseload members before 12 weeks gestation if feasible. If the recipient is past 12 weeks gestation, the provider agrees to schedule within two weeks of the date the recipient contacts the provider. Provider agrees to attempt to contact all recipients on their caseload within four weeks of being added to the caseload if a recipient has not scheduled and

attended an appointment. If the recipient does not initiate care after the initial contact attempt, the provider agrees to contact the recipient three additional times via two different communication methods.

As a condition of participation in the program, the provider also agrees to no elective deliveries before 39 weeks of gestation.

ROUTINE PRENATAL CARE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general ACOG guidelines, the following is an overview of care expected to be delivered by participating providers:

- Initial Visit
    - Comprehensive history and physical exam.
    - Provide immunizations as appropriate and document refusals of any recommended immunizations.
    - Perform initial labs to including Syphilis testing.
    - The provider must complete a risk assessment at the initial visit. Refer pregnant women to applicable medical and social services and supports identified in the risk assessment(s). The referrals must include, but are not limited to the following conditions:
        - Mental health;
        - Substance abuse;
        - Oral health; and
        - Social determinants of health.
    - Social determinants of health screenings should be completed using the AHC Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool, the PRAPARE Screening Tool, the Short Patient Social Needs Screening Tool, or a similar screening tool.
    - The provider agrees to report the initial visit using CPT code 0500F within 15 days of the initial prenatal visit. This code is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.
        - If the recipient is determined eligible for Medicaid after the initial prenatal visit occurred and the Medicaid eligibility effective date is backdated to include the date of the initial prenatal service, 0500F may be billed outside of the 15-day reporting period.
- 12 to 24 weeks - Visits every 4-6 weeks
    - Complete early testing for patients who screen as high-risk for gestational diabetes.
    - Offer first trimester screening.
- 24 to 28 weeks
    - Perform glucose screening with either a 1 or 2 step screen.
    - Perform a complete blood count test.
    - Perform a Syphilis test and any other necessary labs.
    - Perform Rh antibody titer and Rhogam if indicated.
- 28 to 36 weeks -Visits every 2-4 weeks, may vary depending upon recipient's needs
    - Perform a mental health screening and substance use disorder screening.
    - Perform one Group B Strep testing between 26-38 weeks.
- 36 to 40 plus weeks – Visits every 1-2 weeks, may vary depending upon recipient's needs
    - Perform a mental health screening and substance use disorder screening.

REQUIRED CARE COORDINATION SERVICES

Provider must have the staffing to provide adequate care coordination services for the provider's caseload. Care coordination staffing may be at the health system or clinic level but must be available to assist women served by individual participating providers. Examples of staff that may be utilized to provide care coordination services include RNs, LPNs, community health workers, social workers, and other staff qualified and trained to deliver a specific care coordination service.

BabyReady Program providers agree that the following care coordination services will be available and offered to recipients on the provider's caseload:

- Person-centered care plan;
- Health education and promotion;
- Health system and resource navigation; and
- Transitional care coordination

Person-Centered Care Plan
Providers agree to develop a person-centered care plan for active participants that coordinate and integrates all their clinical and non-clinical health care-related needs and services. For individuals with an identified substance use disorder the care plan must include a plan to address the substance use disorder and the provider must monitor the progress of that plan. Plans must be developed prior to delivery. Plans may be developed by care coordination staff and reviewed by provider.

Care Plan Elements:

- Measurable goals related to treatment, wellness and recovery including intended outcomes;
- Preferences and Strengths related to treatment, wellness, and recovery goals;
- An emergency/natural disaster/crisis plan;
- Key community and/or social services that address identified needs;
- Planned care coordination interventions; and
- Documentation of key providers included in care plan development and/or key care team members.

Health Education and Promotion
Providers agree to provide education that encourages and supports healthy ideas and concepts to motivate recipients to adopt healthy behaviors and enable recipients to self-manage their health. All active participants must be provided education regarding the importance of prenatal care, postpartum care, safe sleep practices for infants, and the importance of well-child visits.

Health System and Resource Navigation
Providers agree to provider the following health system and resource navigation services:

- Conduct outreach and encourage recipients on their caseload to utilize prenatal and postpartum care;
- Assist recipients on their caseload with scheduling medical appointments;
- Help arrange transportation to medical appointments;

- Coordinate access to supports including referral to community resources and social determinants of health supports; and
- Coordinate access to mental health and substance use disorder services.

Transitional Care Coordination
Providers agree to provide the following transitional care coordination services:

- Make appropriate referrals and follow-up as appropriate following transfer to another care provider including maternal-fetal medicine specialists or a birthing hospital;
- Assist active participants on their caseload with the selection of the recipient's Primary Care Provider at the end of their participation in program;
- Assist active participants with selecting their newborns provider prior to delivery;
- Assist active participants with scheduling an initial well-child visit; and
- Complete a transition care plan at the end of the postpartum period for active participants. Plans may be developed by care coordination staff and reviewed by provider. The transition care plan should contain the following information:
    - Identification of the recipients PCP provider and their scheduled appointment to establish care;
    - Identification of the newborns PCP and their scheduled well child visit(s);
    - Any necessary specialty appointments that need to be made;
    - Documentation that the PCP has recipient's medical records or access to their records; and
    - Identification any known follow up needed with regards to labs, imaging, etc.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES

Community health worker services are a separate and distinct benefit that is covered for Medicaid recipients and reimbursed to enrolled CHW agencies on a fee-for-service basis. CHW services are generally considered duplicative of the BabyReady Program care coordination. CHW services may be used to supplement care coordination services which pregnancy providers are required to provide in the following circumstances:

- The CHW services were initiated for a qualifying health condition or health barrier prior to the woman becoming pregnant.
- The individual has intensive care coordination needs, qualifies for CHW services as described in the CHW manual, and the BabyReady Program provider orders the CHW services due to one of the following:
    - The recipient has a high-risk pregnancy; or
    - The individual has two or more chronic conditions or one or more chronic conditions and at risk for a second chronic condition.

ENHANCED PRENATAL AND POSTPARTUM PAYMENTS

To incentivize and reward providers for successfully providing prenatal and postpartum care, the BabyReady Program will make enhanced payments to providers for prenatal and postpartum care.

These payments are in addition to traditional fee-for-service payments for prenatal and postpartum care.

Prenatal Care Enhanced Payment

BabyReady Program providers are eligible for a prenatal care enhanced payment when the following criteria is met:

- The recipient participated in the BabyReady Program and was on the provider's caseload;
- Prenatal care was initiated prior to the 18th week of gestation. Confirmation of weeks gestation should be done utilizing ACOG guidelines; and
- The woman had 80% or more of the expected number of visits based on the ACOG prenatal standard for uncomplicated pregnancies.

The criteria is based on the Kotelchuck Index. Providers are responsible for determining whether the care they provided qualifies for an enhanced prenatal care payment. The enhanced prenatal care payment is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis in addition to the traditional fee-for-service payment and is billed using G9151. The table below shows the required number of visits.

Adequate Prenatal Care by Gestational Age					
Months Prenatal Care Began	**Gestational Age of Delivery**	**# of Visits Required**	**Months Prenatal Care Began**	**Gestational Age of Delivery**	**# of Visits Required**
1 - 2	23	3	3 - 4	23	3
1 - 2	24	4	3 - 4	24	3
1 - 2	25	4	3 - 4	25	3
1 - 2	26	4	3 - 4	26	3
1 - 2	27	4	3 - 4	27	3
1 - 2	28	5	3 - 4	28	4
1 - 2	29	5	3 - 4	29	4
1 - 2	30	6	3 - 4	30	5
1 - 2	31	6	3 - 4	31	5
1 - 2	32	7	3 - 4	32	6
1 - 2	33	7	3 - 4	33	6
1 - 2	34	8	3 - 4	34	7
1 - 2	35	8	3 - 4	35	7
1 - 2	36	8	3 - 4	36	8
1 - 2	37 or more	10	3 - 4	37 or more	10

Comprehensive Postpartum Visit
Providers should encourage recipients to attend their comprehensive postpartum visits. The visit is an opportunity for the provider to assess the recipient's physical and emotional health, address any concerns, provide guidance on postpartum care, and complete the transitional care plan.
Providers can submit a claim for the comprehensive postpartum visit enhanced payment once the comprehensive postpartum visit has been completed. The enhanced comprehensive postpartum visit is reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis in addition to the traditional fee-for-service payment and is billed using G9152.

BARRIERS TO CARE INITIATIVES REQUIREMENTS

BabyReady Program providers must implement and support at least one initiative to reduce barriers to care impacting the Medicaid population served under this program. Initiatives may be developed at the health system level or clinic level but must be available to assist women served by individual participating providers. Initiatives must either be new or an expansion of an existing initiative and must not duplicate activities that are required care coordination activities.

Providers must select and implement one of the initiatives as outlined in the Barriers to Care Initiative form as a condition of participation in the BabyReady program. The Barrier to Care Initiative selected by the clinic should address a specific challenge your clinic has encountered as a barrier for recipients. The clinic must submit its AIM statement/SMART goal(s) to the BabyReady program within 6-months of receiving its first caseload. The following information must be included with the AIM/SMART goal(s) and emailed to CMforms@state.sd.us; Name of facility/clinic, physical address of clinic, clinic BNPI, and name of person submitting.

The BabyReady program has developed a standard Barriers to Care Initiative AIM template, as well as a BabyReady fillable toolkit to assist, as needed, in the development of the clinic's initiative and AIM statement. The BabyReady fillable toolkit includes specific initiatives clinics may choose to implement.

Examples of potential Barriers to Care Initiative:

- Clinic-based food pantry
- Incentive programs for attending prenatal appointments
- Providing childcare during medical appointments
- Paying for Lyft/Uber to prenatal and postpartum visits

AIM Statement
All Barrier to Care Initiatives must have an AIM statement. An Aim statement is an explicit description of a team's desired outcomes, which are expressed in a measurable and time-specific way. It answers the question: *What are we trying to accomplish?*

An aim statement should take into account the following:

- What are you trying to accomplish?
- Why is it important?
- Who is the specific target population?
- When will this be completed?
- How will this be carried out?
- What is/are the measurable goal(s)?

Example Aim Statement

By July 1, 2025, we aim to improve access to prenatal, postpartum, and delivery care by addressing childcare barriers. Our goal is to ensure that [specific measurable goal, e.g., 85%] of women who need childcare support can attend appointments and deliveries through initiatives such as on-site childcare services, accommodations for children in clinics, or other supportive measures. This initiative seeks to enhance maternal health outcomes by reducing missed appointments and improving the overall patient experience.

Implementation

Providers must implement its barrier-to-care initiative within 6 months of receiving their first caseload. Initiatives should be implemented using a framework such as Plan Do Study Act (PDSA). Implementation is considered to have occurred when the service or intervention is available to members on the provider's caseload who can benefit from the initiative.

Reporting

The clinic must complete and submit a Barrier to Care Initiative annual reporting form each year by June 30. The report form serves as a guide for documenting outcomes, data, and the steps your clinic took to improve access to care. Only one initiative per report form will be accepted. The provider must develop metrics to measure and track the progress of the initiative. Data and information regarding the initiatives must be documented in the clinic's Barriers to Care report form. South Dakota Medicaid may request providers share information regarding initiatives at South Dakota Medicaid-sponsored provider learning and training sessions for participating providers.

Initiative Changes

Providers may change their initiative at their discretion. If the provider determines earlier than this based on qualitative or quantitative data that an initiative is not effective, they must alter the initiative or implement a different initiative in a timely manner. If a provider ends an initiative and is implementing a new initiative, they must complete a new Barriers to Care Initiative form and send to CMforms@state.sd.us. Changing your initiative does not extend the due date for initial implementation or annual reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COLLABORATION REQUIREMENTS

BabyReady Program providers should promote and refer to the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) programs supporting pregnant women to active participants on their caseload including Bright Start, Pregnancy Care, and Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program. DOH will provide participating providers with promotional materials regarding these programs and training upon request to facilitate this requirement.

DOH will assign a nurse(s) to each enrolled clinic. DOH will outreach providers regarding recipients and share relevant health and social determinants of health information to ensure the recipient has all supports to achieve the best pregnancy outcome.

The provider agrees to share relevant health and social determinants of health information with the DOH nurse. Examples of information that should be shared with the DOH nurse include but are not limited to:

- Recipients' adherence to medication;
- Compliance with prenatal visits;
- Identified health needs that DOH nurses can provide additional support to address;
- Assistance provided to the recipient by the clinic to overcome barriers to accessing recommended care.

Access to Care Requirements

BabyReady Program providers agree to provide for reasonable and adequate hours of operation and make available 24-hour, 7 days per week access by telephone for information, referral, and treatment needs during non-office hours. In addition, they agree to provide services via audio-only or telemedicine modalities if appropriate.

Providers also agree to utilize the South Dakota Health Information Exchange (HIE) if they can connect to the HIE. The HIE will demonstrate interoperability with other healthcare systems to improve care coordination using an established connection with the South Dakota Health Information Exchange (HIE). This connection must include the following HL7 2.X interfaces: Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT), Continuity of Care Document (CCD), Laboratory (General lab, blood bank, microbiology, virology, pathology, newborn screening, etc.), Transcription (Notes), Radiology, and Pathology.

Referrals

Most Medicaid services are required to be provided by the BabyReady Program provider or be referred by the BabyReady Program provider. Medicaid's Referrals provider manual provides a full list of services that must either be provided by or referred by the BabyReady Program provider. The provider is responsible for locating, coordinating, and monitoring these services. In addition, to the services listed in the referral manual providers are responsible for locating, coordinating, and monitoring substance use disorder services.

Provider Selection and Change

Recipients are informed of the responsibility to select a BabyReady Program provider and how to select a provider. South Dakota Medicaid provides recipients the opportunity to locate BabyReady Program providers in their area via a GIS map.

Assignments
Recipients who do not to select a provider will be assigned a provider by South Dakota Medicaid. South Dakota Medicaid uses a manual assignment process utilizing claims data to assign recipients who do not select a BabyReady provider.

Provider Change
A BabyReady Program provider selection or assignment may be changed at any time by the recipient. The provider can also change the BabyReady Program provider with consent from the recipient, which must be documented in the medical record. The BabyReady Program provider selection or assignment remains in effect until the recipient, or the provider submits a written or verbal request to South Dakota Medicaid requesting a BabyReady Program provider change. Recipients can submit a change request on South Dakota Medicaid's website.

Provider Change Effective Date
Changes to a recipient's assigned BabyReady Program provider are made at the beginning of the month following the month that the request was made. If the change is processed prior to the Per Member Per Month (PMPM) payment date, the most recent BabyReady Program provider assignment will be removed or ended at the end of the previous month. If the request is received after the PMPM payment date, the assignment must remain and will be ended at the end of the current month.

If a provider, recipient, or caseworker can provide written documentation that the BabyReady Program provider selection was a South Dakota Medicaid error, occurrences may be removed when payment has been processed.

Provider Change Notification
Once South Dakota Medicaid enters the BabyReady Program provider information into the recipient's provider record the recipient will receive a system-generated notice informing the recipient of the change. At the bottom of each notice there is a perforated paper card which indicates each recipient's provider for the following month along with the provider's phone number.

Recipient Dismissal
When a recipient exhibits behavioral issues such as failure to establish care, consistently bypassing the referral requirement, missing appointments without advance notice (defined as 2 scheduled appoints), or abusive language, a provider has the right to request the recipient be removed from their caseload. The following must occur to remove a recipient from caseload:

- Send a notice of termination to the recipient and cc the BabyReady Program telling the recipient that they are being dismissed from the caseload and why; or
- Complete the BabyReady Program Opt-In and Selection Form to assist the recipient in selecting a new provider;
- When the BabyReady program receives a notice of termination, a letter will be sent to the recipient to choose a new provider.

Marketing Prohibition

Providers are prohibited from any marketing and/or other activities that result in selective recruitment and enrollment of individuals with more favorable health status.

MEDICAID ONLINE PORTAL

Providers can use the Portal to perform many functions of the BabyReady Program in the same manner as the Primary Care Provider program. For questions about the portal refer to the Medicaid Online Portal section of the Primary Care Provider Program manual.

Providers should verify active eligibility prior to each prenatal visit. Providers may review the BabyReady Program Provider section in the portal to see if a recipient has or had a provider for the time span for which the search is completed. If there is a provider in this section and a referral is required, make sure a referral is obtained prior to seeing the recipient.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements
Providers must keep legible medical and financial records that fully justify and disclose the extent of services provided and billed to South Dakota Medicaid. These records must be retained for at least 6 years after the last date a claim was paid or denied. Please refer to the Documentation and Record Keeping manual for additional requirements.

Provider must document care coordination services provided. Providers must also ensure medical documentation is maintained for the purpose of verifying claims for enhanced payments.

REIMBURSEMENT AND CLAIM INSTRUCTIONS

Timely Filing
South Dakota Medicaid must receive a provider's completed claim form within 6 months following the month the service was provided. Requests for reconsiderations will only be considered if they are received within the timely filing period or within 3 months of the date a claim was denied. The time limit may be waived or extended by South Dakota Medicaid in certain circumstances. Providers should refer to the General Claim Guidance manual for additional information.

Third-Party Liability
Medicaid recipients may have one or more additional source of coverage for health services. South Dakota Medicaid is generally the payer of last resort, meaning Medicaid only pays for a service if there are no other liable third-party payers. Providers must pursue the availability of third-party payment sources and should use the Medicare Crossover or Third-Party Liability billing instructions when applicable. Providers should refer to the General Claim Guidance manual for additional information.

Reimbursement
BabyReady Program provider services are reimbursed through both a per member per month payment and fee-for-service payments that are in addition to payments for the underlying service. The table below provides information regarding how the reimbursement mechanism for various services:

Fee-For-Service Services	Per Member Per Month Services
Includes: • Initial development of the person-centered care plan • Initial development of the transitional care plan for discharge at the end of the program • Enhanced payments for prenatal care • Enhanced payments for postpartum care	Includes: • Health education and promotion • Health system and resource navigation • Monitoring and updating the person-centered care plan • Transitional care coordination other than the initial development of the plan for discharge • Barriers to care initiatives

The BabyReady Program reimbursement amounts are list on the BabyReady Program fee schedule. Effective July 1, 2025, reimbursement for social determinant of health risk assessment is no longer limited to the BabyReady program. CPT code 96160 was removed from the BabyReady fee schedule to reflect that it is not a BabyReady specific code.

Barriers to Care

Providers should utilize funding from the BabyReady Program to fund barriers to care initiatives. The PMPM rate development included a $10 amount specifically for barriers to care. Providers should utilize other reimbursement from the program as needed to ensure adequate funding of their barriers to care initiative.

Claim Instructions

Claims for the BabyReady Program fee-for-service items must be submitted on a CMS 1500 claim form or via an 837P electronic transaction. Provider types requiring a referring provider, must be sure to populate their provider NPI in box 17b of the CMS 1500. Detailed claim form instructions are available on our website.

Providers that are paid at a per diem/encounter rate, please following correct coding guidelines and apply modifiers as needed when providing multiple services on the same day as your fee-for-service items. Medicaid instructs FQHCs, RHCs, and IHS to bill for prenatal care using E/M codes due to the encounter reimbursement methodology. These providers should include the TH modifier with the E/M code to help Medicaid identify these visits as prenatal. Postpartum visits should be billed using 59430. For additional information, please refer to the FQHC/RHC manual or the IHS manual.

CPT Code	Description	When is it appropriate to bill
S0280	Person-Centered Care Plan	Following the complete development of the Person-Centered Care plan
S0281	Transitional Care Plan	Following the postpartum exam
G9151	Prenatal Care Enhanced Payment	Following delivery if adequate visits have occurred based on the Kotelchuck Index
G9152	Postpartum Visit Enhanced Payment	Following the postpartum exam

Recipients eligible for Medicaid through the Unborn Children Prenatal Care Program (Aid Category 79) are covered for a Transitional Care Plan if they attend their postpartum visit as part of global billing. The plan must be billed with the same date of service as the global delivery code.

Services in the table above are only covered and billable for recipients that are or previously were on a BabyReady Program provider's caseload. The only allowable exception is when a recipient is added by a provider through submission of a BabyReady Opt-In & Selection form. Providers may bill for a person-centered care plan for the month in which the Provider Opt-In & Selection form was submitted to the Care Management team. Providers cannot bill South Dakota Medicaid for BabyReady enhanced services if the recipient was never added to the providers caseload.

Example: Dr. Johnson's office submits a Provider Opt-In form for Jane Doe on June 6th. Jane will not appear on Dr Johnson's caseload until the first of the following month. Dr Johnson's office had completed the Person-Centered Care Plan with the recipient on June 5th. Dr Johnson can bill the service prior to July 1st.

Quality Assurance Reviews
South Dakota Medicaid will conduct quality assurance claims and chart reviews. The quality assurance reviews help ensure that BabyReady providers are meeting the BabyReady requirements. Reviews may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Completion of required Care Coordination for active BabyReady recipients
  - Health education and promotion
  - Health system and resource navigation
  - Monitoring and updating the person-centered care plan
  - Transitional care coordination other than the initial development of the plan for discharge

If program requirements have not been met, South Dakota Medicaid will request the claim(s) be voided and the amount refunded back to South Dakota Medicaid.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Active Participants," Medicaid recipients assigned to a provider's caseload who are actively engaged in treatment with the provider.

2. "Caseload," Medicaid recipients attributed to a provider by the Medicaid agency.

REFERENCES

- Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD)
- South Dakota Medicaid State Plan
- Code of Federal Regulations

QUICK ANSWERS

1. **We have a recipient who would like to schedule a prenatal visit but is currently not on South Dakota Medicaid. How do they apply for South Dakota Medicaid?**

   Pregnant recipients may apply online, via paper application, or visit a local South Dakota Department of Social Services office. Providers are welcome to assist patients with the enrollment process.

2. **If I only provide prenatal care in our clinic, can I refer the recipient to a delivering provider?**

   Yes, a BabyReady Program provider can refer a recipient for delivery and any necessary prenatal visits.

3. **How do I change the BabyReady provider for the recipient?**

   The BabyReady provider can be changed by the recipient or the provider with documented consent from the recipient. The changes can be made using the online selection tool.

4. **My recipient is under the care of another provider. Should I have them removed from my caseload?**

   Yes, you should have them removed them from your caseload. Changes can be made using the online selection tool. If she is switching to a non-BabyReady Program provider, please contact the BabyReady Program at 607-773-3495.

5. **How can I help a recipient locate a dental provider?**

   All pregnant women should have a dental check-up and cleaning during pregnancy. If a recipient is having issues finding a provider, contact the Medicaid dental vendor (Delta Dental) to speak with a Dental Care Coordinator. The contact number for Delta Dental is 877-841-1478.

6. **Can I opt a recipient I am seeing into the BabyReady Program?**

   Yes, a provider may opt a recipient into the BabyReady Program as long as the recipient has not yet delivered at the time of the request. In order to opt in a recipient, the provider must complete a BabyReady Opt-In & Selection form.

7. **A recipient was referred to me by their PCP because they do not provide OB care. Should I submit a BabyReady Opt-In form to enroll the recipient into the BabyReady Program?**

   Yes, the provider may complete an Opt-In form to enroll the recipient as long as the recipient has not yet delivered.

8. **How does BabyReady assign providers when a recipient does not select a provider?**

When a recipient does not select a BabyReady provider we use claims data to select the most appropriate provider. If no claims have been submitted, the recipient is not added to the BabyReady. A provider may still opt-in a recipient in this scenario.

9. **We're not sure who our DOH nurse is for our clinic. How can we find out?**

   To find out who your assigned DOH nurse is, please email the BabyReady Program Manager at CMForms@state.sd.us

10. **I have a recipient who is past 32 weeks gestation. Can I still complete and bill for a Person-Centered Care plan?**

    Yes. A provider may complete and bill for a Person-Centered Care Plan if they are submitting an Opt-In form for the recipient.

11. **Our clinic recently started seeing a pregnant woman who is unsure if she was enrolled in the BabyReady program with her previous provider before transferring to our medical provider. Is there a way to view if she is already enrolled?**

    Yes. It is recommended the provider search the Recipient Info tab in the Medicaid Portal. If the recipient is in the BabyReady program, the provider should not submit an Opt-in form, rather use the Online Selection tool to change the recipient's provider.



1. Click on the Recipient Info half-moon.
2. Click on Eligibility
3. Enter the Cost Share Type – Professional Services
4. Enter the Dates of Service.
5. Enter recipient information using either:
   - Search Option 1 - Recipient ID and click the green Add button; or
   - Search Option 2 - First Name, Last Name, and Last 4 of SSN or Date of Birth and click the green Add button.
6. The recipient/recipients will appear below the search options. Select View on the recipient you wish to verify.