

## **Postpartum Coverage Extension**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **Who is eligible for extended postpartum coverage?**

All Alaska Medicaid recipients whose pregnancy ended on or after February 1, 2024 will receive a full 12 months of postpartum coverage. This also applies to those in their two-month postpartum period and those with a due date after February 1, 2024. Medicaid recipients do not need to submit a new application.

#### **When will extended postpartum coverage begin for pregnant beneficiaries? Is coverage triggered at the end of the pregnancy and not just the birth of the baby?**

The postpartum period is calculated based on the date the pregnancy ends, for any reason. The Medicaid recipient must report that the pregnancy ended within 10 days.

#### **Can anyone who had a pregnancy end in the last 12-months get the benefit until they are 12 months postpartum?**

A Medicaid recipient must be pregnant or in her 60-day postpartum period on or after February 1, 2024.

#### **Is verification of pregnancy required?**

The Medicaid recipient needs to report the pregnancy with an estimated due date to DPA. Verification is only required if more than one baby is expected.

#### **Who should the beneficiary contact at the end of their pregnancy?**

DPA must be notified that the pregnancy has ended. Providers can also report the birth of a child.

#### **Are Medicaid recipients still required to notify DPA of changes in income, family size, etc. within the 12-month postpartum period even though they will not affect coverage?**

Yes. Medicaid recipients should report all changes to DPA within 10 days from when they know about them. Changes can be reported in person or by mail to any [DPA office](#), by email to [hss.dpa.offices@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.dpa.offices@alaska.gov), by fax to 888-269-6520 or 907-269-6520 in Anchorage, or by calling the Virtual Contact Center at 800-478-7778.

#### **If a Medicaid recipient is incarcerated and released during her 12-month period, will she be eligible for postpartum coverage?**

Yes. Full Medicaid benefits are suspended during the period of incarceration and only inpatient hospitalization is covered. Upon release, if she is still in her 12-month postpartum period, her Medicaid will be unsuspended.