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

On August 5, 2013 the Department of Social Services introduced a Pay for Performance (P4P) Program in obstetric care. 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.

Beginning on May 1, 2014 the Department of Social Services in conjunction with the Department's Medical Administrative Service Organization Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT) will conduct quality review of the data submitted as part of the Obstetric P4P program by participating obstetric (OB) providers via the online obstetric prenatal and post-partum notification forms located on the HUSKY Health secure provider portal at www.huskyhealthct.org. Approximately ten percent (10%) of the submitted online obstetric prenatal and post-partum notification forms will be randomly identified for this quality review.

Providers whose patients have been selected for a quality review will be notified in writing. Such providers will be required to submit the appropriate clinical records relating to the performance measures within 30 days.

This quality review will focus on the following performance measures data:

- Timely completion (within 14 days) of online obstetrics prenatal and post-partum notification forms.
- A first obstetric visit within 14 days after confirmation of pregnancy.
- At least one postpartum visit within 21 – 56 days after delivery.
- Full-term, vaginal delivery after spontaneous labor whenever medically possible.
- Appropriate use of 17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone when there is prior history of spontaneous singleton preterm birth (prior to 37 weeks).

The goal of this review is to validate provider performance and ensure accurate assignment of their associated point values.

Provider Resources

Intensive Care Management

As a partner working to improve prenatal care and healthy birth outcomes, Specialized Intensive Care Management (SICM) offers support to providers for patient care coordination and education. SICM has a vast range of resources that are readily available for patients requiring assistance. As partners with you for OBP4P, SICM contacts and offers SICM services to all members whose forms are submitted through the provider portal. Our focus is to decrease avoidable emergency room utilization and re-hospitalization, increase adherence to provider appointments, provide patient-centered education and coaching, offer translator accompaniment to provider visits if



indicated, provide culturally sensitive face to face connectivity with the member and address unmet social needs with community resources.

To find out more about how SICM can assist you please email your request to [obp4pquestions @chnct.org](mailto:obp4pquestions@chnct.org).

Missed Perinatal Appointments

Consider using the new online notification form to notify the medical ASO when your HUSKY Health patients miss their perinatal appointments. This form connects you and your patient to a HUSKY Health care manager, who will outreach to your patient to assist in resolving barriers to keeping her perinatal appointments.

Responsible Unit: For questions related to the obstetrics P4P Program, please contact the Department's Medical Administrative Services Organization, Community Health Network of Connecticut by emailing your questions to [obp4pquestions @chnct.org](mailto:obp4pquestions@chnct.org).

