



TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants (PAs) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs)
RE: Obstetrics Pay for Performance Program

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is introducing a third Pay for Performance (P4P) program in obstetrics care, beginning with claim dates of service July 1, 2018. The purpose of this program is to improve the care for pregnant women and the outcomes of their newborns covered under the HUSKY Health program. Obstetrical P4P payments are in addition to current fee for service payments.

Providers eligible to participate in the obstetric P4P program must currently be enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) either as a family medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, obstetric nurse practitioner, family medicine nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified nurse midwife and be providing obstetric care.

To be eligible for P4P payments, obstetrical services must be performed by eligible providers on dates of service July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Only episodes of care for which eligible providers have completed online obstetrics (OB) notification forms will be eligible for the P4P program.

P4P Performance Measures:

DSS will base P4P payments on the following performance measures (with their associated point values):

Prenatal Measures	Points
Completion of the prenatal online notification forms within 14 days of the first prenatal visit	10
First prenatal visit within 14 days of a confirmed pregnancy	30
Appropriate use of 17-alpha-hydroxyprogesterone in women who have a history of spontaneous singleton preterm birth	20

Postpartum Measures	Points
Full term (39 weeks gestation), vaginal delivery after spontaneous labor	50
At least one postpartum visit within 21-56 days postpartum	30
Completion of the postpartum online notification forms within 14 days of the postpartum visit	10

DSS will collect data from claims and the online OB notification forms to determine the provider P4P payments.

Provider P4P Enrollment:

Eligible obstetric providers can enroll in the P4P by logging into HUSKY Health's secure provider portal <http://www.huskyhealthct.org/providers.html> to complete a 2018 P4P registration form. Providers registered in the P4P program can begin submitting obstetric notification forms on July 1, 2018. All online obstetric notification forms must be submitted between July 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019 with service dates occurring July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to be eligible for the P4P program.

For questions related to the obstetrics P4P program, please contact DSS' Medical Administrative Services Organization, Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. (CHNCT) at obp4pquestion@chnct.org.