



Pregnancy Medical Home

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Background of the Pregnancy Medical Home

During the 2023 legislative session the South Dakota state legislature appropriated \$3.1 million to support the creation of a new Pregnancy Health Home based on Governor Noem's budget recommendation.

- The majority of the funding will be used for provider payments.
- The appropriation also provides for two new DSS staff members to implement and run the program.

Background of the Pregnancy Medical Home

The program is modeled on Medicaid's current **Primary Care Provider** and **Health Home** programs as well as ideas tested through **innovation grants**.

- DSS's Health Home model has shown an ability to achieve better health outcomes for individuals with chronic conditions through care coordination.
- DSS tested the concept of enhanced care management for pregnant Medicaid recipients through Primary Care and Prenatal Care Innovation Grants. Results showed:
 - Increased completion of high risk screening rates.
 - Increased rates of breastfeeding.
 - Increased early initiation of prenatal care.



Program Objectives

High level objectives of the program include:

- Increase timeliness and utilization of prenatal, postpartum, and well-child care.
- Provide and connect pregnant and postpartum women with supports that help them to be healthy and thrive.
- Improve health outcomes for pregnant women and their babies.



Provider Qualifications

Provider Qualifications will be similar to the PCP program.

- Eligible prenatal care providers include Medicaid enrolled:
 - Licensed physicians
 - Physician assistants
 - Certified nurse practitioner
 - Certified nurse midwife by the state
 - Federally qualified health care center
 - Rural health clinic
 - Indian Health Services
 - Tribal 638 providers



Medicaid Recipients

The intent is for the program to operate statewide and for all pregnant women to participate in the program.

- We anticipate will take time to fully develop provider capacity for statewide operation.
- Recipients will continue to stay in the program in the postpartum period.

Pregnancy Medical Home Model

The pregnancy medical home model is still being developed internally and will be further modified with the input of stakeholders.

Anticipated elements of the program include:

- Providers are paid a Per Member Per Month fee and in return agree to provide enhanced services and services in accordance with established standards of care.
- Enhanced services may include:
 - Enhanced care coordination.
 - Enhanced screenings and referrals to community resources.
 - Enhanced collaboration with Department of Health programs such as Bright Start, Pregnancy Care, and WIC.
 - Quality improvement projects focused on early prenatal care, behavioral health disorders, access to care, or nutrition.

Next Steps

DSS anticipates convening a stakeholder work group to provide input this summer. The work group will include:

- Healthcare providers and clinics
- DSS and DOH staff
- Tribal and IHS providers

We also plan to obtain recipient input through a variety of mechanisms including surveys and focus groups.

The program is anticipated to begin in 2024.



Thank You

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