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Alabama Medicaid Authorizes Telemedicine for Prenatal Visits During COVID-19 Emergency

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TO: All Delivering Healthcare Professionals

Prenatal visits may be documented as telemedicine visits when delivered via telecommunication services including telephone visits during the emergency period. This applies to services provided March 16, 2020 until May 30, 2020, or until the conclusion of the COVID-19 emergency, whichever occurs first. These visits are included in the global payment.

During the COVID-19 emergency, it is important to file claims as quickly as possible to ensure payment from Medicaid is made to Medicaid providers close to the date of service. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has increased the federal matching percentage for the emergency time frame, but states can only receive the increased match on claims that are paid during the emergency.

For questions regarding the maternity program, contact Cheryl Cardwell at (334) 353-3562 or email Cheryl.Cardwell@medicaid.alabama.gov.

To learn more about Alabama Medicaid's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit https://medicaid.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=13729.