Midwife Services

The MCOs are required to cover services provided by a participating Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) should a Medicaid, FAMIS or FAMIS MOMS member choose to receive pregnancy delivery services through a midwife.

The MCOs are NOT required to cover services provided by a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM). However, the MCOs may provide coverage of participating CPMs as a valued added benefit. A member should call the MCO to find out what they cover.

Pregnant Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS individuals who are new to managed care and have chosen to receive services from a non-participating midwife must request an exemption from managed care. FAMIS enrollees can NOT be exempted for this reason.

* These requests must be made by the expectant mother by contacting the Managed Care Helpline at 1-800-643-2273. Faxed requests will no longer be accepted for consideration for exemption. **The expectant mother must call the Managed Care Helpline. No Exceptions**.The Managed Care Helpline will take the request by phone and send directly to DMAS.
* Exemption is granted only during the first 90 days of initial managed care enrollment for members in their third trimester only.
* A response to the exemption request is provided by DMAS to the expectant mother in writing and it is the expectant mother’s responsibility to provide a copy of the response to the midwife providing the services.
* Members who become pregnant or who find out they are pregnant after they have been enrolled in a MCO for more than 90 days must use a MCO participating provider (midwife or OB)
* **The midwife should verify eligibility each time service is rendered.**
* Following the end of the pregnancy, the recipient shall be required to enroll in a MCO to the extent she remains eligible for Medicaid.