



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Medical Assistance Services

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Re: Maternal Cardiovascular Health – “Ask About Aspirin” Campaign for Pregnant Members

Dear Provider,

As part of the Virginia Medicaid's ongoing effort to improve the quality of care for pregnant members, Virginia Medicaid (DMAS) has launched a new educational campaign “Ask About Aspirin”. As part of this campaign, DMAS will encourage members to speak with their providers about taking low-dose aspirin while pregnant. Virginia Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) cover the low-dose aspirin for all members.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommend low-dose aspirin as a preventive medication for pregnant women at high and moderate risk for preeclampsia and cardiovascular disease.

Coverage of low-dose aspirin is available to pregnant members through the member's pharmacy benefit when prescribed by a Medicaid enrolled provider. To simplify the prescribing process, you can simply write the prescription for “low-dose aspirin 81 mg” and the pharmacy will fill the prescription for one of the covered OTC products. The quantity will be limited to one (1) per day and does not require a prior authorization.

Thank you for your continued service to our Cardinal Care members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Price Stevens".

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