

CONGRATULATIONS!

Learning that you are about to be a mother is exciting and a bit scary. We know you want to do everything you can to be sure your baby enters the world healthy. The Commonwealth of Kentucky believes one of the most important things you can do for yourself, and your unborn baby is to be sure to get early and regular check-ups with your healthcare provider during your pregnancy.

A process called “Presumptive Eligibility” (or “PE”) allows pregnant women who have not yet applied for a medical card to receive temporary (less than 60 days from the day you receive your PE card) coverage for prenatal care. Your healthcare provider can arrange for PE coverage while you are in the office.

This brochure will help answer many of your questions about PE. Fill out the form on the back of this brochure and return it to your healthcare provider’s office staff. If you qualify, they will issue you a PE card. This will allow you to obtain prenatal services from healthcare providers who accept Medicaid.

How do I know if I qualify for PE?

You will qualify for PE if:

- ◆ You do not have a medical card for yourself or have not applied for one; and
- ◆ The amount of money you earn or receive each month is less than or equal to the amounts listed below. Ask your healthcare provider’s office staff to help you if you are not sure how to figure these amounts:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN FAMILY	MONTHLY INCOME AMOUNT (2025 LEVELS*)
2	\$3,525.00
3	\$4,442.00
4	\$5,359.00
5	\$6,275.00
6	\$7,192.00
Each Additional Family Member	Add \$917 to the previous monthly income amount

* Income limits are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

If you have already applied for PE benefits at another physician’s office for this same pregnancy, you are not eligible to apply again.

What Prenatal Services Are Paid for Through the PE Program?

- ◆ Office visits
- ◆ Lab tests
- ◆ X-rays (including ultrasounds)
- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Dental
- ◆ Transportation to and from your healthcare provider’s office (if you qualify)
- ◆ Emergency Room (when necessary)

The PE program will not pay for:

- ◆ Trips to specialists
- ◆ Surgical or other procedures or
- ◆ If you must be admitted to the hospital.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE FULL MEDICAID PACKAGE. YOU CAN EITHER APPLY WITH A VISIT TO YOUR LOCAL DCBS) OFFICE OR GO TO www.kynect.ky.gov AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

What Will Regular Medicaid Cover?

In addition to the prenatal services offered through the PE program, Medicaid **WILL pay** for trips to specialists, hospital stays (including your hospital stay when you have your baby) and other procedures. The closest office in your county is:

(Print Local DCBS Office Address)

1-855-306-8959

(DCBS Statewide Call Services Number)

Be sure to take the following items with you when you visit the DCBS office:

- ◆ The PE Card that your healthcare provider’s office will print for you.
- ◆ You and your family’s social security numbers.
- ◆ A letter from your healthcare provider saying you are pregnant and the date your baby is due.
- ◆ Proof of your income.

What if I have problems or need more information?

You may call 855-637-6576

For persons with TTY/TDD equipment only: 711

SUMMARY OF PRENATAL SERVICES COVERED UNDER “PE”

- ◆ Office visits to the healthcare providers listed below
- ◆ Medicine prescribed by your healthcare providers during your pregnancy
- ◆ Lab work or X-rays (including ultrasounds) ordered by your healthcare providers
- ◆ Transportation (non-emergency if you qualify)
- ◆ Emergency Room visits (if necessary)
- ◆ Local Health Department Services
- ◆ Visits to your dentist

WHICH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS CAN PROVIDE CARE UNDER “PE”?

- ◆ Healthcare providers who practice the specialties of internal medicine, general practice, family practice, OB/GYN and pediatrics
- ◆ Nurse practitioners and nurse midwives
- ◆ Providers practicing at primary care or rural health centers
- ◆ Healthcare providers and nurses at the health department
- ◆ Labs
- ◆ X-ray Centers
- ◆ Dentists
- ◆ Hospital Emergency Rooms
- ◆ Ambulances and Other Transportation Providers

In order to provide PE services, providers must be enrolled with Kentucky Medicaid.



Pregnant?

* No Medical Coverage?



PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE) FOR PRENATAL SERVICES MAY BE THE

*You may qualify for up to 60 days of
Outpatient Prenatal Services

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