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TO: Physical Health Providers

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RE: LB 599

Effective July 19, 2012 unborn children of pregnant women that are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid may be covered under 599 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Coverage is limited to prenatal care and pregnancy-related services solely for the unborn child and does not cover postpartum care and medical issues separate to the mother and unrelated to the pregnancy. 599 CHIP does not offer Presumptive Eligibility or Retro Medicaid prior to the month of application for the unborn child.

During the initial implementation period a Medicaid card will not be issued for the eligible unborn child and they will not be enrolled in managed care. The client will receive a paper notice that will serve as the unborns Medicaid ID. Please accept this paper notice as you would a regular Medicaid card. The notice does not guarantee coverage rather it provides the Medicaid ID# to be used for billing purposes. Providers should verify current coverage through the Nebraska Medicaid Eligibility System (NMES).

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