

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Matthew Ahern, Interim Director *MLA*
Date: November 1, 2024 *(Revised November 26, 2024)*
Re: Prenatal Plus Program

11/26/24: Information for codes 97802 and 97803 updated.

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans that Nebraska Medicaid is legislatively mandated to implement the Prenatal Plus Program (PPP).

The Prenatal Plus Program (PPP) will be implemented January 1, 2025.

The PPP is designed to support Nebraska Medicaid-eligible pregnant mothers who have been determined by their prenatal health care provider to be at risk of having a negative maternal or infant health outcome.

The Legislative Bill 857 (LB857, 2024) requires PPP services to provide:

- General Patient Education and Health Promotion
- Nutrition Counseling
- Psychosocial Counseling and Support
- Breastfeeding Support
- Targeted Case Management

LB857 can be found on the Nebraska Legislature website at

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/108/PDF/Final/LB857.pdf>

Billing and Reimbursement

The Nebraska Medicaid fee schedule, effective January 1, 2025, will include rates for the PPP services. To view rates, go to: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

The eligible provider and specialty types that can bill for PPP are listed below:

PPP Provider Types	PPP Specialty Types
01 – PHYSICIANS (MD)	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE 16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC
02 – DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY (DO)	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE 16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC
12 – CLINIC	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE

	16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC 90 – NURSE MIDWIFE 91 – NURSE PRACTITIONER
13 – PROFESSIONAL CLINIC	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE 16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC 90 – NURSE MIDWIFE 91 – NURSE PRACTITIONER
17 – FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER	70 – CLINIC
19 – RURAL HEALTH CLINIC-PROVIDER BASED	70 – CLINIC
20 – RURAL HEALTH CLINIC-INDEPENDENT	70 – CLINIC
28 – NURSE MIDWIFE	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE 16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC
29 – NURSE PRACTITIONER	01 – GENERAL PRACTICE 08 – FAMILY PRACTICE 16 – OB-GYN 70 – CLINIC
88 – FREE STANDING BIRTH CENTER	87 – ALL OTHER

Codes and Rates for Typical Providers

The table below lists the procedure codes that apply to the PPP and provides a description for each code. These rates apply to providers who are not reimbursed under the encounter rate methodology.

Procedure Code	PPP Service	Unit	Rate
H1002	Targeted Case Management, General Patient Education and Health Promotion	One month; and not to exceed 10 months per pregnancy.	\$89.58
97802	Nutrition Counseling, initial	Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist, each unit is 15 minutes; for PPP, the initial session should be a maximum of 60 minutes in duration.	\$29.10 x 4 = \$116.40 for the initial session

97803	Nutrition Counseling, re-Assessment	Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist, each unit is 15 minutes; for PPP, up to 5 such sessions are allowed for a combined total of 10 units per pregnancy.	Each unit pays \$24.07
H0046	Psychosocial Counseling and Support	Up to 5 visits are covered through the Client Assistance Program (CAP), before an Initial Diagnostic Interview (IDI) is required.	5 CAP visits are covered by the health plan as a value-added service*. For the IDI and subsequent visits follow the MHSA Fee Schedule
S9443	Breastfeeding Instruction Session	For PPP, the session should be at a minimum 60 minutes in duration and one such session is allowed.	\$54.20

* CAP visits are limited to 5 visits per member per calendar year, across all providers. These benefits are not exclusive to this program and may not be payable if exhausted by other providers.

Codes and Rates for Providers Who Are Reimbursed at the Encounter Rate

For providers who are reimbursed according to the encounter rate methodology, such as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Centers (RHCs), and IHS/Tribal providers, reimbursement for PPP services will continue at the encounter rate if the service meets the definition of an encounter and is appropriately provided in accordance with applicable state regulations (471 NAC 29, 34, and 11, respectively).

PPP services that are not within the scope of an encounter must be billed separately and will be reimbursed according to the Nebraska Medicaid fee schedule. See table below for specific guidelines.

Procedure Code	PPP Service	Unit	Rate
H1002	Targeted Management, Education and Promotion Case General Health	One month; and not to exceed 10 months per pregnancy.	Reimbursed outside of the encounter rate, at the fee schedule rate of \$89.58.

97802	Nutrition Counseling, initial	Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist, each unit is 15 minutes; for PPP, the initial session should be a maximum of 60 minutes in duration.	Reimbursed outside of the encounter rate. \$29.10 x 4 = \$116.40 for the initial session
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Documentation

Providers are required to use the PPP forms listed below. All forms will be published by January 1, 2025, on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Forms.aspx>

- Nebraska PPP Intake Assessment Packet
- Nebraska PPP Care Coordinator Checklist
- Nebraska PPP General Education and Health Promotion List

Nebraska Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be responsible for conducting provider training on PPP implementation.

If you have questions regarding this advisory, please email: DHHS.HeritageHealth@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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