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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: Maternity Related Services for Refugee Medical Assistance Participants

This Health Plan Advisory is being issued to provide guidance to the Heritage Health plans regarding coverage of maternity-related services for members participating in the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program.

Beginning July 1, 2019, new participants in the RMA program will be enrolled in a Heritage Health managed care plan. RMA participants are included in the RMA capitation payment cohort.

RMA program participants who become pregnant during their participation in the RMA program will be evaluated by Medicaid for eligibility under the Pregnant Women criteria. Heritage Health plans will be reimbursed for that member under the Pregnant Women category of aid.

If a Heritage Health plan becomes aware of an instance in which an RMA participant becomes pregnant, the health plan should notify Plan Management and work with the state and the member to help the member apply for Medicaid as a pregnant woman.

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In the event a Heritage Health plan receives claims for maternity-related services for an RMA member, and assuming the claims were submitted correctly, the health plan should pay those claims and notify Medicaid of the occurrence. Medicaid will work with the health plan to correct the member's eligibility category and ensure the health plan is appropriately reimbursed for the correct category of aid.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Todd Baustert at 402-471-5224, or via email at: DHHS.HeritageHealth@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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