

FEDERAL MEDICAID NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (Department) gives notice of the department's intent to change its methods and standards for Medicaid payment for pregnancy-related services.

The Department is establishing coverage of an evidence-based home visiting model titled “Family Connects,” that provides treatment, education, home visits and training to a postpartum individual to facilitate better birth outcomes and to improve child health and development.

The proposed change includes payment to be made for a Family Connects service only when rendered by a Registered Nurse (RN) authorized by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) to provide Family Connects services.

It is estimated that the changes will add an additional \$1 million to annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures for the following provider types and categories of services when an RN is rendering the service:

- Outpatient hospital medical/surgical services;
- Rural health center services;
- Federally qualified health center services;
- Physicians’ services;
- Licensed practitioners’ services (Physician Assistants, APRNs [Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists])
- Clinic services (including ambulatory surgery centers);
- Nurse-midwife services;
- Certified pediatric and family nurse practitioners’ services

Any person may examine and obtain a copy of the changes, without charge, at the following locations:

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215;
- Any county department of job and family services; or
- On the internet at <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us> by searching Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-21-06.

Written comments regarding these changes may be sent to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Attn.: Bureau of Health Plan Policy, 50 West Town Street, Fourth Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414 and may be reviewed at the same location. Comments may also be provided by e-mail at the following address: mailto:noninstitutional_policy@medicaid.ohio.gov

Comments must be received by June 30, 2025.

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