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Division: Health and Long Term  
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Medicaid Obstetrical and Maternal Services (MOMS) Program

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM

On October 1, 1992, with implementation of the Medicaid Obstetrical and Maternal Services (MOMS) Program, the New York State Department of Social Services increased fees for obstetrical services for obstetricians, family physicians, certified nurse midwives and nurse practitioners who meet certain eligibility and practice requirements.

REIMBURSEMENT

The new fees are as follows:

Global Fee (including all prenatal visits, delivery and post-partum care).....	\$1440
Vaginal Delivery or Cesarean.....	960
Antepartum care only initial visit.....	69
Antepartum care only subsequent visit.....	59
Postpartum care only .....	59

Fees for certain tests and procedures relating to obstetrical care are also increased.

HEALTH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

A key component of the MOMS program is the requirement that participating providers have an agreement with a health supportive service provider and refer all Medicaid eligible pregnant women for health supportive services. Health supportive services include those types of services normally provided by the Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP) such as outreach, presumptive eligibility and authorized representation for Medicaid eligibility determinations, nutrition and psychosocial assessment and counseling, health education, the arrangement of transportation for pregnancy related appointments and care coordination.

Agencies qualified to provide these services include free standing and hospital based clinics, county health departments, and certified home health agencies (CHHA). The New York State Department of Health will approve and monitor these agencies. Health supportive service providers will act as qualified providers and must be trained to determine presumptive eligibility for Medicaid. Approved health supportive service providers have been instructed to contact the staff development coordinator of their local department of social services to obtain the The Determining Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility video and accompanying workbook. The workbook is currently being revised, and a new supply will be sent to you within the next six weeks. Please continue to distribute current copies of the workbook until supplies are exhausted.

#### ENROLLMENT

To apply for both enrollment in Medicaid and the MOMS program, physicians, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners may obtain an enrollment package by writing to the New York State Department of Social Services, Provider Enrollment Unit, P.O. Box 1935, Albany, New York, 12201-1935.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER MEDICAID PROGRAMS

The MOMS program is part of New York's effort to provide early and continuous prenatal care for poor pregnant women. The MOMS program will offer both women and providers an additional option, and is designed to increase the capacity of the prenatal care delivery system. PCAP clinics will continue to provide care for Medicaid eligible pregnant women, and physicians enrolled in MOMS may continue to contract with PCAP. Physicians applying for the MOMS program are being encouraged to participate in managed care programs if managed care programs are operational within the physician's geographical practice area.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Susan Brownell at 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-5610 (Userid #AW1490).

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