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MHCP Prenatal Service Third Party Liability Change

Background

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 makes changes to the coordination of benefits process for prenatal services, which formerly received special treatment under the Medicaid third party liability requirements. This law directs Medicaid to apply standard coordination of benefits rules when processing claims for prenatal services. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) will implement these changes effective **April 1, 2020**.

Products Impacted

This information applies to the following Minnesota Health Care Programs:

- Families and Children
- MinnesotaCare (MNCare)
- Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

What is the impact of this change?

Blue Cross will no longer “pay and chase” claims for prenatal services. In accordance with the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, prenatal services are now subject to standard coordination of benefits procedures. Additional information on this legislation can be found here: <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib060118.pdf>

In situations where third party liability is likely, Blue Cross will return a claim to the provider noting the party which Blue Cross believes is responsible for payment. If the provider bills the liable third party and a balance remains or the claim is denied payment for a substantive reason, the provider can submit a claim to Blue Cross for payment of the balance, up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-866-518-8448**.