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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Pre-natal CAWEM Expansion Program expands to Umatilla County, effective April 1, 2012

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): CAF SSP transmittal group |

Message:

The Pre-natal CAWEM Program (CWX) has expanded medical services to pregnant CAWEM clients who reside in one of the following 15 counties: Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lane, Morrow, Multnomah, Union, Wasco and now Umatilla County. The program combines federal title XXI (CHIP), county and state funding to pay for an enhanced benefit package called "CAWEM Plus." The CAWEM Plus medical benefit package is a slightly reduced version of the OHP Plus benefit package and will provide prenatal Medicaid services to pregnant CAWEM women.

Effective April 1, 2012, the CWX program and eligibility process will be extended to include Umatilla County. The CWX case descriptor and need/resource item will automatically be added to all CAWEM eligibles in Umatilla County who have a DUE need/resource item and who do not have an AEN on the CM system case during March end-of-month processing.

Pre-Natal CAWEM Expansion Program overview:

Any pregnant CAWEM Medicaid client who resides in one of the 15 participating counties is eligible for CWX.

- If a new pregnant CAWEM client in one of the participating counties is determined eligible for medical, the system will automatically prompt the eligibility worker to add the CWX coding when the CM case is updated. The CWX coding includes a case/descriptor and need/resource code. The CWX need/resource date is based on the actual due date;

- Once the CWX coding is added the CM system automatically sends an approval notice. The approval notice informs the client their CWX benefits will end the day after the pregnancy ends. The client remains on CAWEM through their protected 60-day post-partum eligibility period;
- CWX clients receive an automatic CM system notice in the month prior to the DUE need/resource date. The notice will remind the client that their plus benefits end the day after the baby is born;
- If the CWX client moves to a county not participating in the CWX program it is a two-day transfer process:
 - ✓ On day one, send the CMRCWXR or SPRCWXR timely continuing (10-day) notice of reduction to the client to reduce from the enhanced CAWEM Plus benefits to CAWEM benefits. On the CM case use a COMPUTE action effective the first of the next month, change the address, remove the CWX need/resource and case/descriptor, and update the medical start date to the first of the next month;
 - ✓ On day two, enter a TRANSFER action effective the first of the next month (same date used on day one) and change the branch and worker code.
- Once DHS/OHA is notified the pregnancy has ended, the eligibility worker will add the newborn as an AEN, remove the CWX case/descriptor and need/resource code from the mother and update her medical start date to match the pregnancy end date (the newborn's date of birth). The CM system will automatically reduce her benefits to CAWEM effective the next day.
- If DHS/OHA is not notified of the pregnancy ending, the CWX need/resource date will trigger a CM reduction (85B) notice. Benefits are automatically reduced to CAWEM effective the first of next month after the month with the due date.

Additional information is available in the [Pre-Natal CAWEM training material Powerpoint](#) which is posted on the [Medical Staff Tools Website](#).

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