



# Postpartum Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Extension

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) extended its postpartum Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage to 12 months for eligible women, effective March 1, 2024. The 12 months of postpartum coverage begins the month after a pregnancy ends.

## Am I eligible?

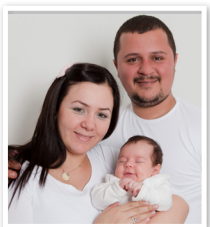
Effective March 1, 2024, you may be eligible if you:

- Were previously enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and your pregnancy ended in the last 12 months.
- Are currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP.
- Are pregnant or have been pregnant in the last 12 months.

## Are there any exceptions to eligibility?

You will receive extended coverage through your postpartum period unless you:

- Voluntarily withdraw.
- Move out of Texas.
- Are determined ineligible because of fraud, abuse or perjury.



## Do I need to apply to have my coverage extended?

Medicaid and CHIP recipients don’t need to apply to have their coverage extended.

Your coverage has been reinstated for the remainder of the 12-month postpartum period if you were not a current Medicaid or CHIP recipient on March 1, 2024, but were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP in Texas while pregnant and were still within your 12-month postpartum period. You must also still live in Texas.

You should have received notice of your coverage by mail or through the Your Texas Benefits account (if you chose to receive notices electronically).



## Want to learn more?

Scan the QR code, visit [texashhs.org/postpartum](https://texashhs.org/postpartum) or call 2-1-1 and choose Option 2.

## What services are available?

All services covered by Medicaid or CHIP remain available during the 12-month postpartum period. Services available to you include:

- Regular medical checkups.
- Prescription drugs and vaccines.
- Hospital care and services.
- X-rays and lab tests.
- Vision and hearing care.
- Access to medical specialists and mental health care.
- Treatment of special health needs and preexisting conditions.