



MEMORANDUM

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To: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

From: Amanda Hovis, Director
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Subject: **House Bill 12 Medicaid and CHIP Postpartum Coverage Extension**

Effective March 1, 2024, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission extended Medicaid and CHIP coverage for postpartum women from two to 12 months. Read the announcement [here](#).

At this time there are no changes to the current WIC Policies related to adjunct eligibility or certification end date for postpartum women. As a reminder CHIP cannot be used for adjunctive eligibility.

Coverage will be automatically reinstated for individuals who were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP in Texas while pregnant and are still within their 12-month postpartum period, as long as they still live in Texas. Coverage will be reinstated for the remainder of their 12-month postpartum period.

Women who transitioned from Medicaid or CHIP to Healthy Texas Women after their pregnancy ended and who are within their 12-month postpartum period will be reinstated to full coverage Medicaid or CHIP.

The following services are included in this coverage:

- 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 pre-existing conditions.

Please help clients learn about this extended coverage. Refer them to YourTexasBenefits.com or have them call 2-1-1, choose their preferred language, and then choose option 2 to confirm their mailing address and contact information are up to date. HHSC will notify them either by mail or electronically through their Your Texas Benefits account if they will be receiving the extended Medicaid or CHIP coverage.

HHSC has developed additional materials including a [flyer](#), [additional client FAQ document](#) and [social media toolkit](#), which can be found at the bottom of the page at texashhs.org/postpartum.

For any questions related to WIC Policy CS:08.0, please call the Information Response Management Policy Group (IRM) at 877-341-4491, choose option 6, then option 4, and then option 2.

You can also email IRM at IRM-Policy@hhs.texas.gov.