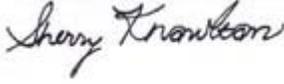


	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
	SUBJECT Newborn Eligibility Update and Corrections to Previous Bulletins	BY  Sherry Knowlton Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs
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PURPOSE:

The Purpose of this bulletin is to correct and update information found in Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 09-93-01, 11-93-11 and 31-08-01 "Procedures to Expedite Newborn Eligibility for Medical Assistance."

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all general inpatient hospitals, birth centers, and nurse midwives enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Medical Assistance Programs wants to clarify and correct information contained in MA Bulletin 09-93-01, 11-93-11, and 31-93-01, issued on August 17, 1993, and also provide additional information on providing and billing for newborn services. This information is as follows:

1. **CAO NOTIFICATION**
There is a correction on page 2, in the paragraph beginning "PLEASE NOTE." This reads, "If the birth occurs on a weekday or holiday...." The word "weekday" should be corrected to "weekend"; therefore, the paragraph should read as follows: **"If the birth occurs on a weekend or holiday, contact the CAO by telephone or FAX on the next workday. The MA112 must be submitted to the appropriate CAO within three workdays of the baby's birth."**

2. **EPSDT Services**
On page 3, you are given information on EPSDT services. The following corrects information regarding HMO and HealthPASS: If the mother is enrolled in an HMO, remind her to schedule an appointment with a pediatrician for the baby's first EPSDT checkup. HealthPASS enrollees are handled through Automated Health Systems, Inc., as though fee-for-service.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free inquiry line for your provider type.

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