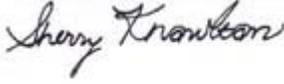


	<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN</b> <b>COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	
	<b>SUBJECT</b>  Newborn Eligibility Update	<b>BY</b>   Sherry Knowlton Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs
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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to correct and update information found in Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin 99-93-08, "Revised Procedures for Submitting Invoices for Services Provided to Newborns."

**SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance Program with the exception of general inpatient hospitals, birth centers, and nurse midwives. A separate bulletin is being issued to those providers.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Office of Medical Assistance Programs wants to clarify and correct information contained in MA Bulletin 99-93-08 issued on August 17, 1993, and also provide additional information on providing and billing for newborn services. This information is as follows:

**1. HMO or HealthPASS Programs**

When you provide services to the newborn of a woman who is enrolled in an HMO or HealthPASS program at the time of her child's birth, those services must be provided by and billed through the managed care plan. Mothers are being instructed to present to you the "Temporary Newborn Eligibility Card" (MA467) until the newborn is issued an MA identification card with recipient number. The current MA467 (dated 7/93) does not have a field to indicate whether the mother is enrolled in an HMO or HealthPASS program. The MA467 is being revised with a designated space for this information. Until the revised MA467 is issued, providers completing the MA467 are being instructed to include this information on the card. It is important to verify the mother's coverage through the Eligibility Verification System (EVS) which will tell you if the mother is enrolled in an HMO or HealthPASS program. When verifying the mother's enrollment, use the newborn's date of birth as the date of service.

**2. Tape or Diskette Billing**

The following information corrects a reference on page 3 that providers can bill on tape or diskette:

Before submitting your invoice for newborn services, access EVS to determine if the newborn has been assigned a recipient number. If the newborn has a recipient number, you can submit your claim by tape or diskette.

Tape or diskette billing is not possible when billing for a newborn who does not have an identification card or who has not been assigned a recipient number. All claims for newborns who do not have a recipient number must be billed on a paper (hard copy) invoice. As outlined in bulletin 99-93-08, providers must complete the "Remarks" section of the invoice with the mother's name, social security number, and date of birth.

**Note:** Electronic Claims Management (ECM)

Claims for newborns who do not have a recipient number cannot be submitted via ECM. For this reasons mentioned under #2 above, claims must be submitted on paper (hard copy) invoices.

**PROCEDURE:**

Refer to this bulletin along with MA Bulletin 99-93-08 when providing and billing for newborn services.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

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

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at [www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap).