

Notification of Pregnancy

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) developed the Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) form to improve birth outcomes for pregnant women in the Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan programs. MDwise providers participate in the NOP program. NOP is a short risk assessment completed on CoreMMIS that identifies pregnant women and some of the potential health risks that contribute to poor birth outcomes. The risk assessment includes questions about maternal and obstetrical history, mental health, substance abuse and social risk factors. MDwise will use this information to identify pregnant women and connect them with case and care management services that will provide education and care coordination to improve their birth outcome. Our case and care management staff can support the provider and the plan of care they've developed with the member.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the reimbursement?

Recognized MDwise providers are eligible for reimbursement of \$60 upon submission of the NOP via CoreMMIS. In order to receive reimbursement from MDwise the following must be met:

- The pregnant woman must be enrolled in MDwise Hoosier Healthwise or HIP.
- The woman's pregnancy must be less than 30 weeks gestation.
- The NOP must be submitted via CoreMMIS.
- The NOP is required to be submitted within FIVE CALENDAR DAYS from the date the risk assessment was completed in the provider's office.
- Only one NOP can be submitted per member, per pregnancy to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Presumptively eligible (PE) pregnant women are eligible for this service.

What is a recognized provider?

- Family or general practitioner
- Pediatrician
- Internist
- Obstetrician or gynecologist
- Neonatologist
- Certified nurse midwife
- Advanced practice nurse practitioner
- Federally qualified health center
- Medical clinic
- Rural health clinic
- Outpatient hospital
- Local health department
- Family planning clinic
- Nurse practitioner clinic

How do providers bill MDwise for NOP?

Providers must bill the pregnant woman's assigned MDwise delivery system for reimbursement of a successfully completed NOP. Providers should use CPT code 99354 and modifier TH. The date of service should reflect the date the provider completed the risk assessment with the pregnant woman.

Can hospitals bill for NOP?

Hospitals can bill the pregnant woman's assigned MDwise delivery system for reimbursement using the UB-04 claim form. NOP claim forms must be coded with the following:

- Revenue Code 960
- CPT code 99354 and modifier TH

How much time does it take to complete and submit an NOP on CoreMMIS?

The NOP was revised in 2014 and is now much shorter. The NOP asks for basic demographic information on your patient and information on the submitting provider. Other than that, all that is required are dates or an appropriate check mark to complete. Providers can also consider completing a paper form for entry into CoreMMIS at a later time. However, the NOP must be submitted within FIVE CALENDAR DAYS from the date of the assessment.

What are the benefits of using NOP?

The Notification of Pregnancy can help MDwise enhance your plan of care. NOP is used by MDwise to identify moderate to high risk pregnancies and provide education, care coordination and link pregnant women to additional community resources. The goal of MDwise is to work with our practitioners and members to improve birth outcomes across all MDwise delivery systems.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR COMPLETING NOTIFICATION OF PREGNANCY

Tobacco

Current tobacco or substance abuse stratifies pregnancies into a high risk category. Members who have a history of tobacco or substance abuse are at moderate risk for their pregnancy. Please refer tobacco users to smoking cessation resources.

The Indiana Tobacco Quit Line (1-800-QUIT-NOW) is a free phone-based counseling service that helps Indiana smokers quit. A trained quit coach will work with the member and provide solutions tailored to their needs.

MDwise has partnered with the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Agency to help our members quit smoking. For more information on the benefits of becoming a preferred provider or to download the fax referral forms please visit <http://www.in.gov/quitline/index.htm>.

Social History

There are several social risk factors that automatically put MDwise pregnant members at high risk. These include: learning disability, intellectual or developmental disability, homelessness, food insecurity, domestic violence and current pregnancy due to rape. MDwise case and care managers will work with the member to obtain additional resources that can help her outside of the normal scope of a physician's office.

If your patient has an obstetrical history of pre-term birth or other pregnancy complications, mental health issues, substance abuse issues and/or social or environmental concerns, please note these on the form by checking the appropriate indicator. This will help flag the patient for further follow-up by a care manager to complete a thorough assessment to identify all risks or challenges. Our care managers can help provide resources, support and coordination throughout the pregnancy.

Automatic High Risk (16 or younger)

MDwise stratifies all pregnant members 16 years of age and younger as high risk.