

MCO HEALTHCHOICE SPECIAL CAPITATION ENROLLEE

VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT NEWBORNS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MCOS

1. The MCO representative should complete the OPF2005VLBW form for each newborn that weighs less than 1500 grams at birth.
2. The MCO should complete a CMS 1500 for the delivery of the newborn, using an MC001 (city) or an MS001 (state) for the procedure code. Attach the CMS 1500 to the OPF2005VLBW form.
3. All sections of both forms must be completed by the MCO representative who will be the contact for DHMH.
4. Once the weight of the newborn is confirmed by the Vital Statistics Administration, a span will be placed in the recipient's enrollment record for a period of thirteen months beginning with the date of birth of the newborn to allow the special capitation rate to be paid. The OPF2005VLBW form must be received by the Department within nine months of the date of birth or within nine months of the first date of enrollment in the MCO. The CMS 1500 will be forwarded to the Office of Systems, Operations, and Pharmacy for processing.
5. If the HealthChoice Enrollment Unit is unable to process the special capitation rate for any reason, a letter will be sent to the MCO notifying it of the reason for the denial.
6. Any questions about the submission of the OPF2005VLBW form should be directed to the Office of Finance at 410-767-5625, who will be responsible for tracking the requests from MCOs.

Mail or fax forms to: Office of Finance
201 W. Preston Street
Room 216B
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Attention: Mark Barnstorf
Fax: 410-333-7789

Background:

The capitation rates include separately the cost of HealthChoice very low birth weight (VLBW less than 1500 grams) newborns from delivery through age one. DHMH validates all Maryland deliveries for which HealthChoice MCOs request payment at the VLBW rate. DHMH requests birth data from DHMH – Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) to facilitate the payment of the supplemental kick payment.

These procedures became effective as of January 1, 2005.