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To: Medicaid Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Newborn Reporting and Coverage for Children in Custody or Adopted Moms

Per OAC 5160-26-02, Medicaid managed care plans are required to report to ODM's designee the birth of a child whose mother is their member at the time of delivery and to provide coverage for the newborn from the date of birth through the end of the month of the child's first birthday, or until a termination record is received on the 834 enrollment file. This required notification facilitates timely addition of the newborn to the mother's case and establishes Medicaid eligibility and enrollment in the appropriate managed care plan for coverage of services for the newborns. The implementation of the Baby Bot and expansion of its use to the ten metro counties has significantly improved the timeliness and accuracy of newborn enrollments.

Through this process, it has been determined that it is not feasible for children born to mothers who are in the custody of a Protective Children's Services Agency (PCSA) or receiving an adoption assistance subsidy to be added to their mothers' cases. Medicaid cases for these mothers are single-person cases and cannot be linked to other individuals for the privacy and safety of the individuals. These mothers can be identified by their 10-digit case number and either a foster care or adoption aid category that were provided on the 834 at the time of the mother's enrollment.

ODM has determined the plans are not required to report the birth nor to provide coverage from the date of birth for a child who is born to a mother who is in the custody of a PCSA or receiving an adoption assistance subsidy based the criteria listed. If the mother is receiving an adoption assistance subsidy, the child will be assigned using existing enrollment processes for newly Medicaid eligible individuals. If the mother is in the custody of a PCSA, and the child is also taken into custody, the PCSA is responsible for managed care plan selection and enrollment. If the mother is in the custody of a PCSA, but the child is not taken into custody, the child will be assigned using existing enrollment processes for newly Medicaid eligible individuals.