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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses, Certified Midwives and Managed Care Organizations – **For Action**
Hospitals, Independent Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: **Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA) Required for Reimbursement of Prenatal Care**

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2021

PURPOSE: To notify providers regarding PRA/SPECT reporting requirements and claiming implications related to the Perinatal Risk Assessment Plus (PRA) tool mandated by Public Law (P.L.) 2019, c. 88.

BACKGROUND: The Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA) Form is a uniform assessment tool to determine demographic, medical and psychosocial factors considered in the risk management of the pregnant individual. The PRA form was developed and piloted by a stakeholder task force, then introduced in 2009 as the uniform assessment tool for New Jersey. The current PRA Plus form was enhanced with additional fields relating to behavioral and psychosocial factors, alcohol and drug use, and COVID-19 related questions.

The PRA Plus Form is used to identify risk factors and if needed refer the pregnant individual to case management and/or community services through the Single Point of Entry and Client Tracking (SPECT) System. Prenatal care providers are expected to complete a First Visit PRA Plus form during the first prenatal visit and a Third Trimester PRA Plus form during the third trimester of pregnancy. A PRA Plus Follow-up form may be used to make updates to the First Visit form, and can be completed until the Third Trimester form is started. Completed PRA Plus forms should be sent electronically to Family Health Initiatives (FHI) for data processing.

FHI is a private, nonprofit subsidiary of the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative (SNJPC) contracted with the Department of Health (DOH) under agreement with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) to manage the PRA system. FHI works in collaboration with DOH, DMAHS, Medicaid managed care organizations, and prenatal providers using the form to oversee completion and analysis

of the PRA data and to expedite care coordination and referral to support services. Program services and evaluation are also improved through analysis of the statewide data set.

In accordance with P.L. 2019, c. 88, an obstetrical provider, nurse midwife or other licensed health care professional approved as a provider under the NJFC Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) program is required to complete the First Visit PRA Plus form during a NJFC Medicaid beneficiary's first prenatal visit. Best practice requires that both the First Visit PRA Plus form and the Third Trimester PRA Plus form be completed and submitted timely during a NJFC Medicaid beneficiary's pregnancy. PRA data will be analyzed to identify trends in the risk factors associated with NJFC Medicaid beneficiaries during pregnancy.

ACTION: Effective for claims with service dates on or after January 1, 2021, a provider shall not receive reimbursement for prenatal services provided to a pregnant NJFC Medicaid beneficiary until the First Visit PRA Plus form is submitted to FHI for that beneficiary.

Prenatal care service codes subject to the PRA Plus reporting requirements include 59400, 59510, 59610, 59618, 99201-99215, 59425, 59426 and HealthStart service codes W9025, W9026, W9030, W9040, W9041, W9042.

In the event that during the course of prenatal care a beneficiary's practitioner changes, the new practitioner must also complete the First Visit PRA Plus form even if a First Visit PRA Plus form was submitted for that beneficiary by their previous practitioner.

P.L. 2019, c. 88 requirements shall not apply to hospital claims, unless prenatal services are billed by a clinic located in a hospital.

NJFC Medicaid reimbursement for a prenatal service claim shall pend until a completed First Visit PRA Plus form has been received by FHI and its receipt has been communicated to the State fiscal agent. Once confirmed, the claim will be released and continue consideration for NJFC Medicaid payment.

If a First Visit PRA Plus form has not been received or has not been accepted by the State's fiscal agent within thirty (30) days of providing a prenatal service, the prenatal claim shall be denied with Error Code 1459. Payments will be denied when a First Visit PRA Plus form has not been received.

It is important that the NJFC Medicaid Beneficiary ID Number (BIN), first and last name of the beneficiary, as well as the beneficiary's date of birth reported to FHI on the First Visit PRA form exactly match the BIN and demographic information reported in responses received from the State's Eligibility Verification System (i.e. REVS, MEVS or eMEVS). A 100% match of this information is required for acceptance of a completed First Visit PRA form.

Billing Procedures to Support PRA Plus Form Completion Requirements:

1. For the first to third prenatal care service visit, report Evaluation & Management (E&M) office visit procedure codes 99201 through 99215. Providers must also report ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes belonging to the category Z3A or Z34 or O09-O16, O20-O29, O30-O48, O94, O98, O99, O9A.
2. For **hospital outpatient clinic** claims, providers must report Revenue Code 51X for prenatal care services.
3. Providers may report the following HCPCS procedure codes to request reimbursement for completion of a PRA Plus Form.

HCPCS Code	Description
H1000	Prenatal Care, At-Risk Assessment-PRA Plus First Visit Form
H1001	Prenatal Care, At-Risk Enhanced Service-PRA Plus Third Trimester Form
H1001	Prenatal Care, At-Risk Enhanced Service-PRA Plus Follow-up Form
We recommend using ICD- 10 diagnosis codes from category Z3A or Z34 when billing the above CPT codes for PRA Plus Forms	

Providers may access the FHI website at: www.Praspect.org for information regarding the completion of the PRA form, including a training manual, methods for submitting completed PRA forms to FHI, and community resources.

If you have any questions regarding the PRA form, please contact FHI by phone at 856-665-6000 or by email at PRA@snjpc.org. For claims processing questions, please contact the Gainwell Technologies (formerly DXC Technology) Provider Services Unit at 800-776-6334.

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