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**TO: LICENSED BIRTH CENTER PROVIDERS  
 BIRTHING OPTIONS PROVIDERS**

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**SUBJECT: BILLING PROCEDURES AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Licensed Birth Centers enrolled in the New Mexico Medicaid Program can bill for labor and delivery and the medical care provided to the newborn when services are rendered in a birth center. The information in this document provides billing guidance and provider reimbursement related to the services rendered in a licensed birth center.

Birth centers must bill for services on a CMS 1500 format claim, using the National Provider Identifier (NPI) for the Licensed Birth Center.

**Birth in a Licensed Birth Center**

S8415 (no modifier) SUPPLIES FOR HOME DELIVERY \$1,400.00

- Note that this payment includes all of the supplies, medications, laboratory, radiology and other services provided to the mother and the newborn. This code is used whenever the birth takes place in a licensed birth center, even though the description refers to it as home delivery supplies.

**When Labor Begins in a Licensed Birth Center but the Mother is Transferred to a Hospital for Delivery**

S8415 - U1 SUPPLIES FOR HOME DELIVERY \$700.00

- When labor begins in the Licensed Birth Center and the mother is transferred from the birth center to the hospital for delivery. The U1 modifier must be used. The U1 modifier will reduce the maximum allowed for the complete service by 50%.

**When Birth Begins in a Licensed Birth Center but Delivery Does Not Occur**

S8415 - U2 SUPPLIES FOR HOME DELIVERY \$70.00

- When labor begins in the Licensed Birth Center and due to false labor or for other reasons the mother returns home undelivered. The U2 modifier must be used. The U2 modifier will reduce the maximum allowed for the service to 10% of the reimbursement that is made for S8415 – U1.

Note that the reimbursement rates above include all supplies, medications, laboratory, radiology, and other facility services provided to the mother and the newborn.

However, reimbursement to the Licensed Birth Center does not include the professional services of delivery. The professional services are to be billed by the certified nurse midwife or licensed midwife practitioner or by the group to which they belong.

**When a Birth Takes Place at Home**

When the birth takes place at home, code S8415 cannot be used. Code S8415 may only be used when the birth takes place in a Licensed Birth Center. When a birth takes place at home, the provider may bill for supplies using code 99070 (Supplies and Materials) which has been previously assigned for this use. Reimbursement for supplies is \$47.77.

If you have questions regarding the information in this Supplement, you may contact the Medicaid Program Policy Bureau at (505) 827-3171.

We appreciate your participation in the Medicaid program.