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TO: Hospitals - Provider Type 01
Provider Letter #A-250

RE: Reporting Birth Records
KY CHILD

Thank you, in advance, for your review and support of the data contained herein.

Children born to mothers receiving Medicaid (MA) at the time of the child's birth are automatically eligible for Medicaid up to one year from the child's date of birth. When the delivering hospital enters the birth record into the Birth Record System called *KY CHILD,* the birth record data is transmitted to KAMES and the Department for Community Based Services enrollment system via the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). Once on KAMES, the child's eligibility for Medicaid coverage is determined and medical coverage is automatically established for an eligible child. The KAMES system processes the information and automatically issues the Medicaid ID card for the child and continues issuing Medicaid coverage for up to 12 months from the birth of the child.

Automatic issuance of Medicaid coverage allows the delivering hospital to bill and receive payment for the birth of the child in a more expeditious manner. When the child is not issued Medicaid coverage, the child's Medicaid ID is not available for the delivering hospital's use in submitting claims to Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care Plans, which may result in a financial hardship on the delivering hospital. Further, if the child has not been issued Medicaid coverage the child will not have a Medicaid ID card and other services like follow-up visits with the Pediatrician, immunizations, etc. may not be payable by Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care Plans.

The process for automatic issuance of Medicaid coverage for eligible newborns **begins with the participating hospitals. Complete and accurate data entry of the birth record into the Birth Record System called *KY CHILD* helps ensure that eligible newborns are issued a Medicaid ID card allowing hospitals to submit eligible claims and receive appropriate payment in a timely manner**. Newborn claims may be denied by Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care Plans until Medicaid coverage is determined and a Medicaid ID card issued.

Should you have further questions, please contact the Department for Medicaid Services, Division of Healthcare Facilities Management at 502-564-6511.

Sincerely,

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