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**Date:** March 18, 2024

**To:** Licensed direct entry midwives  
Standalone birth centers  
Coordinated care organizations (CCOs)

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**Subject:** Fee-for-service rate increases for Medicaid planned community birth providers

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is updating its fee-for-service claim system to reflect new reimbursement rates for planned community births. The rates and effective dates vary by procedure code and provider type.

**Rates for licensed direct entry midwives:**

Service	Procedure code	Modifier	Current rate	Updated rate	Effective date
Second midwife attending birth	59409	59	\$142.00	\$621.00	7/1/2023
Labor leading to hospital transfer	59899	None	\$247.00	\$909.00	7/1/2023

**Rates for standalone birth centers:**

Service	Procedure code	Modifier	Current rate	Updated rate	Effective date
Labor leading to hospital transfer	S4005	None	\$322.00	\$2,461.00	7/1/2023
Newborn facility fee – New	99460	None	N/A	\$1,187.00	3/1/2024

OHA aims to complete this work by March 31, 2024. When this work is complete, OHA will update the Medical-Dental Fee Schedule with the new rates.

**Why is this happening?**

Through these rate increases, OHA seeks to improve access for underserved populations, help providers afford to continue providing these services, bring birth center reimbursement more in line with hospital reimbursement, and better reflect the high value of these services.

**What should you do?**

**Providers:** Once rate updates are complete, bill new claims at the higher amount identified in the forthcoming [Medical-Dental Fee Schedule](#). For previously submitted claims, use **one** of these options:

1. Adjust the claims for timely reimbursement.
2. Wait for OHA to reprocess the claims. This will be three or four weeks after the system updates.

**CCOs:** If you cover planned community births for your members, please update your systems to:

- Add the newborn facility fee effective March 1, 2024, and
- Make payments consistent with OHA's fee-for-service reimbursement as described above for services provided on or after July 1, 2023.

### Questions?

- **About fee-for-service reimbursement:** Please contact Provider Services at 800-336-6016 (option 5) or [DMAP.ProviderServices@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:DMAP.ProviderServices@oha.oregon.gov).
- **About the rate increases:** Please email Jason Daniels at [jason.h.daniels@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jason.h.daniels@oha.oregon.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.