

**October 7, 2002**

**Physicians, Mid-level Practitioners, Hospitals,  
FQHCs and RHCs**

**MONTANA MEDICAID NOTICE**

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To encourage prenatal care, uninsured pregnant women may receive “presumptive eligibility” for Medicaid. Covered services for the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility program for pregnant women are limited to ambulatory prenatal care. Inpatient hospital services are an excluded service. When referring Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women for services, please keep in mind that inpatient hospital services may be the financial responsibility of the client. Please refer to the MEDICAID GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PROVIDERS Handbook Appendix A for a list of applicable Medicaid services.

Designated providers (outpatient hospitals, RHCs, FQHCs and clinics under the direction of a physician) may determine presumptive eligibility for a client. To be a designated provider, you may call (406) 444-4540. To verify Presumptive Eligibility call (800) 932-4453.

Effective October 1, 2002, inpatient hospital claims submitted for women with Presumptive Eligibility will be denied at the time of claim submission. Retrospective review will no longer be used.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Provider Relations at:

Helena and out-of-state: 406-442-1837  
In-state toll-free: 800-624-3958