



Perinatal High Risk Management/ Infant Services System



What is PHRM/ISS ?

The Perinatal High Risk Management/ Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS) is a multidisciplinary case management program. It is established to help improve access to health care and to provide enhanced services to certain Medicaid-eligible pregnant/postpartum women and infants. The enhanced services for this target population include case management, psychosocial and nutritional counseling/ assessments, home visits and health education.

What is the main goal of the PHRM/ISS Program?

The main goal is to help reduce the infant mortality rate to no more than seven deaths per 1000 live births and to help reduce the low birth weight rate to no more than five percent of all births. The very low birth weight rate should be reduced to one percent of all births.

Who can participate as a provider of PHRM/ISS Case Management Services?

Any physician or clinic licensed to practice in the state of Mississippi or other approved practitioner enrolled in the MS Medicaid program may provide PHRM/ISS services. The participating providers must employ or have access to an interdisciplinary team which consists of a MS licensed Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Certified Nurse-Midwife or Registered Nurse, licensed Social Worker AND licensed Nutritionist/Dietitian.

Who is eligible to participate in the PHRM/ISS Program?

Medicaid beneficiaries are eligible to participate in this program when a physician, nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife identifies one or more positive risk factors on the PHRM/ISS Perinatal Screening Form. This is a voluntary program. It is not mandatory for a beneficiary to participate in this program.

What is the role of the PHRM/ISS enrollee?

- Participate in the planning for their medical care.
- Get prenatal care and WIC as soon as possible
- Keep all appointments with their doctor and the Case Management Team.
- Keep the team informed of actual or potential problems during pregnancy.
- Make sure the team knows how to reach you.
- Ask questions.

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