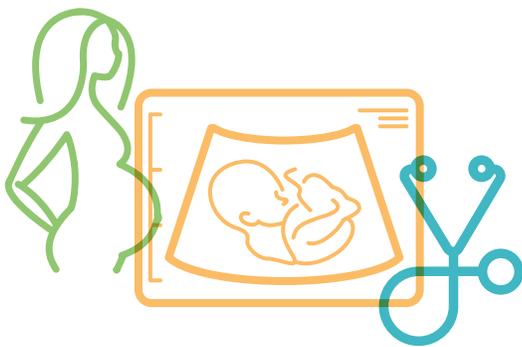




New ways to **reward you!**

OB Provider Incentive Program

Texas Children's Health Plan offers an OB Provider Incentive Program to reward your OB provider group for providing quality care to our members during their pregnancy, from early prenatal care to delivery and timely postpartum care.



How the program works

- The OB Provider Incentive Program consists of 2 qualifying measures and 3 performance measures.
- To be eligible, you must meet the **2 qualifying measures**, which focus on volume and network participation for STAR and CHIP members (see page 2).
- In order to receive the incentive payment, an OB provider group must meet one or more **performance measures** (see page 3), which promote early prenatal and timely postpartum care and reduce low-risk cesarean delivery rates.

How you qualify

An OB provider group qualifies for the **OB Provider Incentive Program** by meeting both of the qualifying measures below.

1 Volume Measure

Volume is the number of deliveries for which the group is the primary provider of obstetrical care. An OB provider group meets the volume threshold if it serves as the primary obstetrical provider for a minimum of 50 deliveries for Texas Children's Health Plan STAR and CHIP members per group, per year.

We calculate volume measure once a year based on the HEDIS measurement year.

2 Network Participation Measure

Each OB provider group must be actively contracted with CHIP and STAR at the time of payment to be eligible for payout.

Did you know?



Texas Children's Health Plan members can receive a **Pregnancy Essentials Kit and canvas tote** when they complete their first prenatal visit within 42 days of enrollment.



Members can also receive a **portable crib/playpen** when they complete their first postpartum visit 21-56 days after delivery.

Performance measures

Three ways to get paid

The program has 2 payouts each year.

Payout at each performance level is proportional to the number of deliveries by the OB provider group.

After meeting both qualifying measures, an OB provider group is then eligible to receive payment for each of the following performance measures.

Payout schedule

Performance goal	Data period	First payout
Low-risk cesarean delivery rate	Deliveries between 8/1/17-7/31/18	Dec. 2018
Prenatal care	Deliveries between 11/6/17-11/5/18	June 2019
Postpartum care	Deliveries between 11/6/17-11/5/18	June 2019

1 Low-risk cesarean delivery rate[†]

Percentage of cesarean delivery among low-risk deliveries.*

Performance level	Performance range
Level I	5.01-12.00%
Level II	12.01-17.00%
Level III	≤5.00% or >17.00% ^{††}



2 Initial prenatal visits performed within 42 days of enrollment

Performance level	Performance range
Level I	≥91.00%
Level II	88.00-90.99%
Level III	<88.00%



3 Postpartum visits performed between 21-56 days after delivery

Performance level	Performance range
Level I	≥75%
Level II	65.00-74.99%
Level III	<65.00%



*Armstrong J, McDermott P, Saade GR, Srinivas SK; Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Health Policy and Advocacy Committee; Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Coding Committee. Coding update of the SMFM definition of low risk for cesarean delivery from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM. *Am J Obstet Gynecol.* 2017 Jul;217(1):B2-B12.e56.

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[†]National benchmark for low-risk cesarean section is 12.7%.

^{††}Low-risk Cesarean delivery rate ≤5.00% is considered as Level III performance due to safety concerns.

Program Changes and Continuation

Texas Children's Health Plan reserves the right to evaluate the program to determine if it will continue or be modified, and will provide advance notice of any changes significant to the OB Provider Incentive Program.

Payment Administration

- ✓ Payment will be made to the entity associated with the Tax ID number to which the OB provider group(s) are affiliated for claims payment.
- ✓ Each OB provider group must be actively contracted with CHIP and STAR at the time of payment to be eligible for payout.
- ✓ Explanation of Payment (EOP) statements will be prepared on a quarterly basis for distribution.
- ✓ Payments are consolidated for multiple groups and OB providers who practice within the same Tax ID number.
- ✓ Texas Children's Health Plan will communicate the performance and payout results to the physician group. The individual OB provider scores will be listed on the EOP.
- ✓ Providers or groups subject to payment review or under a corrective action plan by Texas Children's Health Plan at the time of payout will not be eligible for incentive payouts and will remain ineligible until removed from payment review or corrective action.

Your Provider Relations Manager will provide you with more information. If you have questions, please call our Provider Relations Unit at 832-828-1008 or toll-free at 1-800-731-8527.

