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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MCO Transmittal No. 122 December 13, 2017

TO: Managed Care Organizations
FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services
RE: Clarification on Reimbursing Freestanding Birth Centers

NOTE: Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.

The transmittal is a clarification of reimbursement for services provided at freestanding birth centers.

HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCOs) are required to pay for all self-referred services in accordance with COMAR 10.09.67.28. MCOs are required to reimburse providers at the fee-for-service rate for services provided in a freestanding birth center as described in COMAR 10.09.65.20A. Reimbursement includes both professional fees and facility fees for the mother and newborn.

To view the Professional Fee Schedule and Freestanding Birth Center Facility Fee Schedule (also attached), please visit: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/provider-information.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Williams at (410) 767- 3532.



Free-Standing Birth Center Facility Fee
Schedule

Effective September 1, 2014

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Facility Fee</u>
	<u>For deliveries that occur at the birth center:</u>	
59409	Care of the mother and delivery of newborn	\$2,000.00
99460	Care of newborn	\$500.00
	<u>Transfer to hospital occurs prior to delivery:</u>	
59409-52	Mother at birth center less than 2 hours	25% of Medicaid rate
59409-51	Mother at birth center 2 to 5 hours	50% of Medicaid rate
59409-53	Mother at birth center 5 to 8 hours	70% of Medicaid rate
59899	Mother at birth center for more than 8 hours	Full Medicaid rate