

Hot Topics

January 2024 is the Month to Amplify and Promote the Importance of Preventative Women’s Health



January is an opportunity for the medical community to promote the importance of maternity care and cervical cancer screenings in Kern County. According to The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), access to maternal health care has become increasingly difficult for many. Medi-Cal coverage redeterminations, staffing and financial challenges burdening clinics, and systemic challenges are all felt, posing distinctive stress to our vulnerable populations.

Most importantly, the twelve months following delivery are crucial to monitor for some of the most dangerous pregnancy complications. To raise awareness, The National Birth Defects Prevention Network’s (NBDPN) theme for 2024 is “Every Journey Matters”. This message perfectly aligns with the care needed for our pregnant members. Promoting positive choices to support a healthy pregnancy is significant in empowering our members and improving overall health outcomes

January has also been designated Cervical Health Awareness Month by the U.S. Congress. While more than 14,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year, this disease can be greatly reduced with vaccination and screenings. Visit the National Cervical Cancer Coalition for resources on teaching members about the protection HPV vaccinations can provide, as well as the expectations and importance of cervical cancer screenings.

To promote this, we are offering member rewards associated with prenatal and postpartum care and cervical cancer screening, as well as resources from the other sources referenced in this article. Please join us in conducting outreach this month by providing supportive education for our members to empower them to make maternity care and cervical cancer screenings a priority this month by scanning the QR codes below! As always, feel free to contact your Kern Family Health Care Provider Relations Representative for additional information regarding Pay-for-Performance incentives on these topics.

KFHC Member Rewards Program



Maternal Health Awareness Day Resources:



Birth Defects Awareness Month:



National Cervical Cancer Coalition:



Please Share with KFHC Members!



BULLETINS

- [Mandatory Signatories to the California Health and Human Services Agency Data](#)
- [2024 Health Plan Transition](#)
- [Medi-Cal: Activation of Reject Code 16 - Medi-Cal Rx Program Integrity Update](#)
- [Medi-Cal: Commercial COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage for Children](#)



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Important Facility Site and Medi-Cal Record Review Revisions



Effective 01/01/2024, DHCS has revised the Facility Site Review/Medical Records tools and Standards to reflect the following:

Facility Site Review

- II. Personnel
 - II.C.1) Documentation of education/training for non-licensed medical personnel is maintained on site.
 - II.C.4) Only qualified/trained personnel operate medical equipment.
- VI. Infection Control
 - VI.D.4c) (CE) Spore testing of autoclave/steam sterilizer with documented results (at least monthly).
 - VI.D.4.d) (CE) Management of positive mechanical, chemical, and biological indicators of the sterilization process.

Medical Record Review

- IV. Pediatric Preventive Criteria
 - IV.A Initial Health Appointment
 - IV.A. 2 Member Risk Assessment
 - IV.B.2 Subsequent Risk Assessment
- V. Adult Preventive Criteria
 - V.A. Initial Health Appointment (IHA)
 - V.A.2 Member Risk Assessment
 - V.B.2 Subsequent Risk Assessment:

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***Please note, provider education to come in the near future.**

New Providers

ABA

- Rizo Psychological & Behavioral Health Services
- Jigsaw Diagnostics, a Professional Psychology Corp. (Evaluations Only)

Community Support Services

- CityServe Network (Housing & Sobering Center)
- Mercy Hospital Bakersfield (Asthma Remediation)
- Roots Food Group Management (Medically Tailored Meals)
- St. Vincent Preventative Family Care (Housing)

DME

- Novocure Inc. (Cancer Treatment Assisted Device)

Doula Services

- Peaceful Passages Birthing Support Center
- New Beginnings Doula

Orthotics & Prosthetics

- Antelope Valley Orthotics & Prosthetics

SNF/Congregate Living Facility

- Redwood Senior Living Bakersfield

Hospitalist/IM

- Manchester Medical Group

Mental Health

- Grow Healthcare Group

Registered Dietician

- The Yellow House Project

Transportation

- T&J Unlimited Transportation Inc.

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**Wishing you a successful
and prosperous new year!**

2024
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Sincerely,
Your Provider Network
Management Team at KFHC.