

A message for providers:

# Taking Care of Baby and Me<sup>®</sup>



**When it comes to our pregnant members, we're committed to keeping both mom and baby healthy.**

That's why we encourage all our moms-to-be to take part in our Taking Care of Baby and Me<sup>®</sup> program.

This is a comprehensive case management and care coordination program that offers:

- Individualized, one-on-one case management support for women at the highest risk.
- Care coordination for moms who may need a little extra support.
- Educational materials and information on community resources.
- Rewards for keeping up with prenatal and postpartum checkups.



**Here at Amerigroup Kansas, Inc., we partner with providers and moms to ensure all medical and resource needs are met, aiming for the best possible outcomes for both moms and babies.**

## How it works

Once we identify a member as pregnant (either through notification from your office, state enrollment files, claims data, lab reports, etc.), we enroll her in the program and do a risk assessment to determine the level of case management support she'll need throughout her pregnancy. Some moms benefit from tips on eating the right foods, exercising or referrals to local agencies; others who have had prior preterm births or who have chronic health conditions, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, may need extra help.

## Learning how to stay healthy

- **From the start.** We start with the basics — we supply all our pregnant moms with information to promote the best outcomes. For moms who keep their prenatal and postpartum appointments, we offer up to \$80 in rewards points they can use at select retailers.
- **Throughout pregnancy.** Members in the Taking Care of Baby and Me<sup>®</sup> program have access to My Advocate™, an interactive voice response and messaging program that delivers helpful and fun maternal and newborn health messages by telephone, through text message or via smartphone app. The program gives women answers to their questions and directs them to medical support if needed. My Advocate™ supports women into the postpartum period by sending well-child reminders as well.
- **Postpartum.** After giving birth, the member receives information on self-care and care for her newborn.



# Meeting our members' special needs



## Prior Preterm Pregnancy program

When we identify a member who is at risk for having a second premature infant, our case managers will notify you and provide you with information on 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17P) therapy. For more information on the benefits of 17P and how to obtain it, contact your Provider Relations representative.

## Group support

We work directly with the Centering Healthcare Institute to promote and encourage providers to adopt the CenteringPregnancy model of care, which:

- Lets participants experience their prenatal care visits in a group setting with other pregnant women of a similar gestational age.
- Encourages women to educate, motivate and support each other as they experience similar changes to their bodies and their lifestyles in general.
- Has resulted in positive outcomes, including increased birth weight.

To give extra care to our members having their first babies, we also partner with the Healthy Start Home Visitor program in Kansas. The member's home visitor, a mother trained to help her throughout her pregnancy, checks in on her before and after the baby is born, provides education and support, connects the member with community resources and engages a public health nurse when needed.

## You and Your Baby in the NICU

The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) can be a frightening place for parents, and we are here to help. You and Your Baby in the NICU is our program designed to help parents cope with the day-to-day stress, teach them about staying involved in the care of their babies and help them prepare themselves and their homes for discharge.

## Other resources

We are here to support you, our pregnant members and their little ones on the way.

- Our case managers are here to help you. If you have a member in your care who could benefit from case management, please call us at 1-800-454-3730.
- Members can also call Amerigroup On Call at 1-866-864-2544 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- We collaborate with community agencies and programs such as WIC, Social Services, public housing and child care agencies to connect members with local resources.

## Want more information about our obstetrics case management program?

Call your Provider Relations representative.