

Dear Valued MetroPlusHealth Provider,

Beginning April 1st, 2024, MetroPlusHealth’s Essential Plan (EP) members who report becoming pregnant, will have their copays for all services waived for the duration of the pregnancy and postpartum individuals for up to one year (i.e. 12-months postpartum).

This new policy change is part of New York’s 1332 Waiver, which allows members who report becoming pregnant to remain in the Essential Plan (EP) rather than moving to Medicaid for their pregnancy and 12 months postpartum. EP members that are pregnant will default to staying within EP and will need to “opt out” if they choose to transition to Medicaid.

We anticipate that most pregnant consumers will remain in EP. Additionally, in accordance with New York State of Health (NYSOH) guidance, health plans are expected to charge no more than the maximum out-of-pocket cost limits that would have applied had they been in Medicaid.

Furthermore, please remind EP members to report their pregnancy (if they have not already done so) back to the NYSOH marketplace, so that their account can be updated with the appropriate cost-sharing and benefits information.

Thank you,

MetroPlusHealth