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Subject: Compliance with Federal Regulation § 435.117 – Deemed Newborn Children

Dear Pediatric Practice Partner,

This notice serves as a reminder of the federal requirement under **42 CFR § 435.117**, which applies to all pediatric practices contracted with our health plan.

Key Regulation Requirement:

Medicaid coverage must be provided to children from birth until their first birthday without requiring an application, if the child's mother was eligible for and received covered services under:

- The Medicaid State Plan (including retroactive eligibility **under § 435.915**), or
- The CHIP State Plan as a targeted low-income pregnant woman, in accordance with section **2112 of the Act**.

What This Means for Your Practice:

- Newborns meeting the above criteria are automatically deemed eligible for Medicaid coverage until their first birthday.
- No separate application or enrollment process is required for these infants prior to being seen for the initial newborn visit or follow ups within the first year of life. Confirm eligibility based on the mother's Medicaid or CHIP status at the time of birth.
- Please ensure your staff is aware of this regulation and applies it when verifying coverage for newborn patients.

For additional details on member coverage, refer to **42 CFR § 435.117** or contact our Customer Service at 1-844-366-2880.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring compliance and supporting the health of our youngest members.

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