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IHCP promotes minority maternal health learning opportunity

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) would like to promote a learning opportunity for our providers of maternal health services. Join Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and the Minority Maternal Health (MMH) Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) to become part of a network of birthing professionals exploring clinical practice changes that can help to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality among Black women in Indiana. In each ECHO session, you will meet to discuss didactic content related to disparities often faced by Black women and review a patient story with a multidisciplinary group including:



- Physicians
- Midwives
- Advanced practice providers
- Community health workers
- Nurses
- Other healthcare
- Doulas

Patient stories are a chance for a productive discussion to address challenges faced by minority patients related to medical care, structural racism and social determinants of health. Patient stories are presented by healthcare providers participating in the ECHO.

Continuing medical education credits will be available at no-cost for physicians, social workers, nurses and doulas.

Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Register and learn more at <https://linktr.ee/iupuiechocenter> and on Twitter at @IUPUIECHOCenter.

IHCP removes references to “partial sterilization”

Effective May 1, 2022, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will update its guidance for billing sterilization services and remove references to “partial sterilization.” A sterilization consent form is not necessary when a member is not rendered sterile.

Family Planning Services Codes (accessible from the [Code Sets](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers) includes a table of procedure codes that suspend for analyst review of the sterilization consent form. Some of the codes identified in that table may be used for either unilateral or bilateral services.

If the provided service is unilateral and the patient is not rendered sterile, providers will no longer be required to note “partial sterilization” on the claim form. A sterilization consent form is not necessary.

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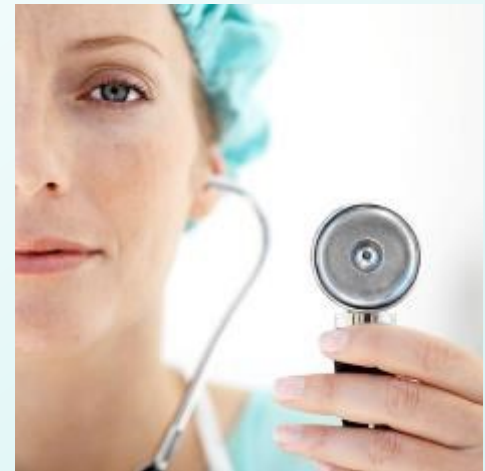
If an IHCP member was previously rendered sterile, no consent form is required, but providers must attach a statement to the claim attesting that the member was previously sterile as described in *IHCP Banner Page BR202124*. This statement should include all the following:

- Patient name
- Reason for previous sterilization or condition
- Physician signature

When providing a bilateral service, providers should follow Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for professional reimbursement of bilateral procedures listed in the [Surgical Services](#) provider reference module. A sterilization consent form is required if the procedure will render the member sterile.

However, if a procedure code in the sterilization code table – or any other service – is performed specifically to sterilize a member, the provider is obligated to obtain informed consent and provide the sterilization consent form with the claim, unless the circumstances described in the [Family Planning Services](#) provider reference module make it impossible to obtain consent at the time the service is rendered.

This information will be reflected in the next regular update to the *Family Planning Services* provider reference module, which can be found at in.gov/medicaid/providers.



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