

***Perinatal Risk Assessment Plus* form requirement**

New Jersey P.L. 2019, Chapter 88, requires that effective on January 1, 2021, any obstetrical provider, nurse midwife or other licensed healthcare professional approved as a provider under the Medicaid program shall complete the *Perinatal Risk Assessment Plus (PRA Plus)* form, as used by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services, for each pregnant Medicaid recipient and for each individual eligible for Emergency Medical Services for Non-Qualified Aliens who receives prenatal care from the provider. The form shall be completed by the provider during the recipient's first prenatal visit with the pregnant Medicaid recipient or other eligible individual and updated by the provider in the third trimester of the recipient or other eligible individual.

Medicaid managed care organizations, such as Amerigroup Community Care, will require the submission of the *PRA Plus First Visit* form prior to issuing global authorization for pregnant members. Submission of the *PRA Plus First Visit* form will be considered notification of the member's pregnancy. Failure to submit this form will result in claim payment denial of prenatal services. Amerigroup will no longer accept outdated forms, such as the Amerigroup *Maternity Notification* form. Please discard any copies that you have of outdated forms and use only the *PRA Plus* form set on the PRA|SPECT* website at www.praspect.org.

The bill recognizes the importance of the collaboration between managed care organizations, expectant mothers and all licensed healthcare professionals who provide care for pregnant women. *PRA Plus* and *Senate Bill 3406* aim to increase the quality of care for pregnant women and improve birth outcomes for women in the state of New Jersey.

Please ensure that your practice is registered for the PRA|SPECT website: www.praspect.org.
For assistance, please contact 1-856-665-6000 or PRA@fhiworks.org.

For more information, please see the [Perinatal Risk Assessment Plus \(PRA Plus\) New Jersey Law Fact Sheet](#) regarding *Senate Bill 3406*.