



Subject: Abortion Certification Requirements

Scope: Unison Kids

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department has new certification requirements for providers seeking reimbursement under the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Beginning February 1, 2010, consistent with the new requirement, a completed copy of the CHIP Physician Certification Form and, if applicable, a copy of the Member Statement Form must accompany all invoices for abortion services in order for the services to be paid through Unison Kids.

Abortion services are covered by Unison Kids only if a physician certifies that the member/mother suffers from a physical condition that was caused by or arising from the pregnancy that would place a woman in danger of death or if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.

Please access our website at www.unisonhealthplan.com to obtain the two required forms. Part I of the Physician Certification for an Abortion Form is to be used by physicians in situations where the member’s life is considered threatened if the abortion service is not provided. A Member Statement Form does not need to be completed for abortions which are necessitated by life-threatening conditions, disorders, illnesses or injuries.

Part II of the Physician Certification for an Abortion Form is to be used by physicians when a provider determines that a patient seeking an abortion became pregnant as a result of rape or incest. If the physician completes Part II of the Physician Certification for an Abortion Form, the physician must obtain a completed Member Statement Form from the patient and submit both documents in order for the abortion service to be covered by Unison Kids.

Should you have additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

Unison utilizes several clearinghouses including Emdeon, aka WebMD, RelayHealth, MedAvant Healthcare Solutions and Payerpath, to receive electronic claims from providers and send electronic remittance advices to providers. Please contact your Provider Services Representative or access our website at www.unisonhealthplan.com to obtain more information regarding EDI.