



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 Division of Public Health  
 Women, Infant, and Community Wellness Section (WICWS)  
 Maternal Health Branch (MHB)

## Maternal Health Agreement Addendum Updates Fiscal Year 2025-2026

March 2025

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### III. Scope of Work and Deliverables

- **Deleted A7. under General Services**
  - Maintain a breastfeeding-friendly clinic environment in accordance with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee Opinion titled "Optimizing Support for Breastfeeding as Part of Obstetric Practice.". Local health departments agencies that have a WIC clinic on site must follow the established federal standards for breastfeeding promotion and support.
- **Moved to Section C. Policies and Procedures, Item C24.**
  - Develop and follow policy/procedure/protocol on how the agency maintains a breastfeeding-friendly clinic environment in accordance with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee Opinion titled "Optimizing Support for Breastfeeding as Part of Obstetric Practice.". Local health departments that have a WIC clinic on site must follow the established federal standards for breastfeeding promotion and support.

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### III. Scope of Work and Deliverables

- **Moved D. Prenatal Services to Attachment D**
  - Prenatal Services: D1, D2, D3, E. Laboratory and Other Studies, F. Medical Therapy, I. Patient Education were moved to a new Attachment D.
  - To improve the ease of the local health staff to identify the exact clinical care, labs to be completed, immunizations needed as well as education to be provided to each patient.

Sample table:

Prenatal Health Clinical Services Initial Visit	
Assess and document the following minimum health history components at the initial prenatal appointment.	
1. Medical History: including surgeries and family medical history	7. Teratogen Exposure: including environmental tobacco, nicotine, and lead exposure <sup>10</sup>
2. Immunization history: including history of immunity	8. Patient and Partner Genetic Risk <sup>11</sup>
3. Medications: including prescription and non-prescription	9. Social Determinants of Health: including psychological needs, social needs, education level
4. Menstrual: including last menstrual period with Estimated Date of Delivery (EDD) <sup>14</sup>	10. Nutrition status
5. Pregnancy History <sup>12</sup>	11. Substance usage <sup>13</sup>
6. Infection History <sup>13</sup>	12. Other pregnancy risk factors

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### III. Scope of Work and Deliverables

• **Changed D. Prenatal and Postpartum Services to G. Postpartum Services**

– Postpartum Services was previously part of D. Prenatal and Postpartum Services. In FY26 AA, Postpartum Services is now a separate section: G. Postpartum Services.

• **Added under G. Postpartum Services**

- G1: The local health department should contact all patients within 3 weeks after delivery.
- This information was updated in AA based on recent ACOG guidelines as well as the updated NC Medicaid 1ES Clinical Coverage Policy.

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### IV. Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

• **Updated Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements to:**

- Improve the timeliness of prenatal care (initiation of care prior to 14 weeks gestation).
- Increase the percentage of maternal health patients who are screened for perinatal mood disorders during pregnancy.
- Increase the percentage of maternal health patients who are screened for substance use.
- Increase the percentage of maternal health patients who receive a postpartum visit within the first 42 days post-delivery

- The measures were changed to include measures that can be tracked using CPT codes reported in the Local Health Department – Health Services Analysis (LHD-HSA).

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### Attachment A

#### Detailed Budget Instructions and Information

- Complete Open Windows Budget Form for 25 – 26 and email to [Tara.Shuler@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tara.Shuler@dhhs.nc.gov) on or before **April 15, 2025**

• **Updated Subsistence Rated**

– Mileage rate: 0.70 cents/mile

	In-State	Out-of-State
Breakfast	\$ 16	\$ 16
Lunch	\$ 19	\$ 19
Dinner	\$ 28	\$ 28
Lodging (actual, up to)	\$ 110	\$ 110
Total	\$ 173	\$ 173

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### Attachment C – Reminder

If your LHD is **Assuring Prenatal Care Services**, Attachment C should be completed!

- If you assure **ALL** components of maternal health services, check box #1 and submit the items (a. – c.) requested along with your signed AA.
- If you assure **SOME** components AND your LHD provide some components, skip #1 and check the appropriate boxes under #2.

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