



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF

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## PERINATAL HIGH RISK MANAGEMENT/INFANT SERVICES SYSTEM

### What is PHRM/ISS?

The Perinatal High Risk Management/Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS) is a multi-disciplinary case management program. The PHRM/ISS program helps improve access to healthcare and provides enhanced services to certain Medicaid eligible pregnant/post-partum women and infants. The enhanced services for this population include case management, psychosocial and nutritional counseling/assessment, home visits and health education.

### What are the main goals of the PHRM/ISS Program?

The main goals are to reduce the infant mortality rate to no more than seven deaths per 1,000 live births, reduce the low birth weight rate to no more than five percent of all births and reduce the very low birth weight rate to one percent of all births.

### Who can participate as a provider of PHRM/ISS Case Management Services?

Any physician or clinic licensed to practice in the state of Mississippi or other approved practitioner enrolled in the MS Medicaid program may provide PHRM/ISS services. Participating providers must employ or have access to an interdisciplinary team which consists of a Mississippi licensed Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Certified Nurse Midwife or Registered Nurse, licensed Social Worker and licensed Nutritionist or Dietitian.

### Who is eligible to participate in the PHRM/ISS program?

Medicaid beneficiaries are eligible to participate when a physician, nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife identifies one or more positive risk factors on the PHRM/ISS Screening Form. The program is a voluntary program. It is not mandatory for a beneficiary to participate in the program.

### What is the role of the PHRM/ISS enrollee?

- Participate in the planning for their medical care.
- Get prenatal care and WIC as soon as possible.
- Keep all appointments with their doctor and the Case Management Team.
- Keep the team informed of actual or potential problems during pregnancy.
- Make sure the team knows how to reach you.
- Ask questions.

For more information about the PHRM/ISS Program, please contact:

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