

Adding your **Newborn to your Insurance or Medicaid Policy**

Insurance companies typically require a newborn be added to an insurance plan within 30 days from their date of birth. Failure to add your newborn within this time frame may result in you being responsible for payment of their bill.

Blue Cross, Community Blue, Univera, Independent Health, Commercial Insurance and Children's Health Insurance Plan also known as Child Health Plus:

- Call your employer as soon as possible to have your newborn added to your policy. They will send you all the appropriate paperwork to complete and return to them for processing.
- If your newborn is not covered under the mother's insurance plan, contact us with new insurance information.
- Your newborn may be eligible for Children's Health Insurance Plan (also known as CHIP or Child Health Plus), if mother has applied for this coverage prior to newborn's birth.

Affordable Care Act — NYS Health Exchange:

- If you applied for insurance through the NYS Health Exchange, you must contact them at (855) 355-5777 to add your newborn to your insurance plan. As a reminder, newborn dependents do NOT automatically go on their mother's insurance and must be added within the first 30 days of birth.



Medisource, Fidelis, Amerigroup, Yourcare, Wellcare and Medicaid:

- If Medicaid was obtained through NYS of Health, you must contact them at (855) 355-5777 or via their website at nystateofhealth.ny.gov to report your newborn's birth.
- If Medicaid was obtained through Erie County, you must contact them at (716) 858-6244 to report your newborn's birth.
- If you have an "unborn card" for your baby, please contact our Financial Clearance department via Catholic Health Customer Service at (716) 601-3600, and provide that ID number to our team. Please note: it is still required that you contact Medicaid to report your newborn's birth.

If you have any questions about your newborn's insurance coverage, or need assistance in applying for health insurance for you or your newborn, please call (716) 601-3600.

Additional Resources are available online at: chsbuffalo.org/billing