



## nurse midwife payment policy

### ***description of procedure/service***

This policy applies to the payment of covered services rendered by nurse midwives.

### ***policy***

Fallon Community Health Plan will reimburse for the covered services provided by credentialed and contracted nurse midwives that are within the legal scope of practice for the nurse midwife.

### ***benefits application***

- FCHP Direct Care/FCHP Select Care
- FCHP Independent Care
- FCHP Flex Care Direct/Select
- Fallon Senior Plan™
- FCHP MassHealth
- Major Medical
- Bill at Home / Direct Enrollment
- Fallon Preferred Care
- Fallon Senior Preferred Care

### ***coverage and reimbursement criteria***

Coverage is limited to those services a nurse midwife is legally authorized to perform in accordance with state law.

Nurse midwives may bill under his/her provider number for covered services provided directly by the contracted nurse midwife. Fallon Community Health Plan's payment for all covered services rendered by nurse midwife is 80% of the applicable physician fee schedule amount and ancillary services which will be reimbursed at 100% of physician fee schedule amount. When a collaborating physician provides some of the services, the fee paid to the nurse midwife is based on the portion of the global fee not provided by an obstetrician. Incident to services will be reimbursed at 100% of the applicable physician fee schedule amount for covered services.

### ***preauthorization requirements***

Nurse midwives must abide by the same requirements as Fallon Community Health Plan contracted physicians.

### ***billing/coding guidelines***

Payment for nurse midwife services is made only to the nurse midwife or his/her employer. Nurse midwives are required to submit claims with their own billing identification numbers for services rendered without direct physician supervision. When nurse midwives provide services under direct physician supervision, they may be covered as incident to, in which case incident to requirements would apply.

To be incident to, the services of a physician must be:

- An integral, although incidental, part of the physician's professional service;
- Services commonly furnished in a physician's office or clinic;
- Furnished by the physician or by a nurse midwife under the physician's direct supervision

The physician would bill under his/her provider number for covered services when incident to requirements apply.

Nurse Midwives must use the –SB modifier to report services provided independently and should use reduced service modifiers to report when they have not provided all the services covered by a global allowance.

### ***place of service***

This policy applies to services furnished by a nurse midwife in all areas and settings permitted under applicable laws. Fallon Community Health Plan does not reimburse for deliveries in a home setting.

### ***policy implementation***

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