For assistance go to the Healthy Beginnings Plus website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/healthybeginningsplusconsumerinformation#.VoNabE32bGg

This document contains IMPORTANT information regarding enhanced maternity services for medical assistance recipients. If you need someone to interpret this document free of charge, please call 1-866-872-8969.

Este documento contiene información IMPORTANTE sobre servicios de maternidad mejorados para beneficiarios de asistencia médica. Si necesita que alguien le traduzca gratis este documento, llame al 1-866-872-8969.

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Healthy Beginnings Plus, HBP, is a Pennsylvania, Medical Assistance, MA, program to help income eligible women have a positive prenatal care experience.

To participate in the HBP program you must:

- Be pregnant AND eligible for MA
- Receive maternity services from one of the qualified Healthy Beginnings Plus Doctors
- Sign a Letter of Agreement with your doctor’s office

To apply for Medical Assistance you can:

- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us and click on Apply for Benefits,
  OR
- Complete an application for benefits at your local county assistance office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Must I go to a HBP doctor to qualify for coverage during my pregnancy?
You may choose any doctor who participates with Medical Assistance. However, only approved MA HBP doctors are able to offer special services.

Why is it beneficial for me to go to an MA HBP doctor?
This program allows doctors to offer many special services which are not routinely available in the Fee-for-Service program.

What are these special services?
Services include but are not limited to:
- Nurse Care Coordinator at your clinic
- Nutrition counseling
- Childbirth Education
- Help to quit smoking
- Help with problems that are affecting your social or emotional health

Will I lose MA benefits if my family income changes during my pregnancy?
Regulation prohibits loss of benefits during pregnancy.

Can I qualify for MA benefits if I have private insurance?
Yes. However, you must notify your doctor and your county assistance office case worker that you have other insurance.

What should I do if I move to another county during my pregnancy?
Contact your county assistance office or the Statewide Change Center at 1-877-395-8930, or in Philadelphia call 1-215-560-7726, to provide your updated information.

If you are enrolled in a managed care plan, call your health plan’s member services line.

How can I find a HBP doctor?
Visit the Department of Human Services’ Healthy Beginnings Plus Web site at:
http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/healthcaremedicalassistance/healthybeginningsplusconsumerinformation/