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# Get Connected As Early As Possible

Getting connected to care as early in a pregnancy as possible is critical; as is continuing care during and after the pregnancy.

<u>Preventable</u> complications of pregnancy and childbirth are on the rise in Montana. Let's stop this heartbreaking trend and get the word out - **getting early and routine medical & dental care during pregnancy** (prenatal care) can help you or a loved one have a healthier pregnancy and healthier baby.

It's important to seek prenatal care even if you feel well. Your partner or support person is welcome at your prenatal visits too!

### **Get Connected to Care Now!**

- Make an appointment with a healthcare provider and a dentist as soon as you know you are pregnant.
- Consider taking a prenatal vitamin.
- Be sure to take care of yourself mentally as well as physically; depression, anxiety, and other mental issues are very common and can be addressed.

We know all families experience pregnancy differently. If you are experiencing mental health issues such as depression or anxiety from

pregnancy, infertility, or pregnancy loss, talk to your healthcare provider and consider using the support resources listed below.

If you get a call from BlueCross & BlueShield of Montana (BCBSMT), they're calling to help you take good care of your health. Please answer or call them back.

#### Resources

- Ovia Health Apps
  - o Ovia Fertility, Cycle & Health
  - Ovia Pregnancy
  - Ovia Parenting & Baby Tracker
- Perinatal Wellness Guidelines
- State Plan Member Prenatal Resources
- <u>Delta Dental Prenatal Resources</u> The State Plan offers enhanced pregnancy benefits! Since pregnant women are at higher risk for certain oral health conditions, some of which can result in a pre-term, low-birth weight baby, pregnant State Plan members are eligible for an extra cleaning and dental exam at no cost during their pregnancy.
- BlueCross & BlueShield of Montana (BCBSMT) Case Management: Call (855) 313-8908 and ask to be referred to a case manager.
- **BCBSMT 24/7 Nurseline**: (877) 213-2565. Get answers to your health questions at no cost to you.
- National Maternal Mental Health Hotline: (833) TLC-MAMA for 24/7 free and confidential support.
- <u>Linking Infants and Families to Supports (LIFTS) Online Resource Guide</u>
- Return to Zero Bereavement Support: Support for after Pregnancy Loss.



- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Dial 988 for free access to a crisis counselor who can provide you with support and connect you with additional help and resources.
- <u>5 Peaks Coalition</u> Better Lives Montana support for opioid use disorder for pregnant and nursing women.

# For More Information:

**BCBSMT** - Ovia apps, medical benefits & claims, case management, Nurseline, find an in-network provider

bcbsmt.com

(888) 901-4989

TTY 711

**Delta Dental** - No cost extra exam and cleaning during pregnancy, resources for pregnancy, find a provider, explore your dental benefits.

benefits.mt.gov/Dental/

(866) 496-2370

Health Care & Benefits Division - All State Plan benefits

benefits.mt.gov

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