

PRENATAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND CARE COORDINATION:

Connecting Your Patients to Supportive Resources

Providers complete the PRA at a patient's first prenatal visit, connecting the family to county-specific care coordination, and a wide range of available local resources.

[The Maryland Prenatal Risk Assessment \(PRA\)](#) opens new doors for your patients by connecting pregnant women and families to Medicaid benefits and community-based resources. [Maryland law](#) requires providers to complete a PRA at the first prenatal visit for all Health Choice, Medicaid, and Medicaid-eligible patients, and submit the form to the patient's home county.

In Baltimore City, Health Care Access Maryland (HCAM) receives PRAs and provides short-term care coordination, helping to align available local resources to improve health and wellbeing outcomes of babies and families. And the resources are free to eligible families.

Because this process provides a single point of access for Baltimore families, submitting a PRA is the best way to connect your patients to effective care coordination and services that support a healthy pregnancy and baby. In short: the PRA is a powerful extension of the care you provide every day.

The electronic PRA (ePRA) can be integrated into electronic medical records, simplifying the connection to care for providers and patients. Medicaid reimburses providers for submitting PRAs.



By submitting a PRA, you help connect your patients to enhanced care coordination and community-based resources, such as:

- **WIC and SNAP**
- **Prenatal education**
- **Home visiting and parenting support**
- **Health benefit navigation**
- **Dental and mental health services**
- **Substance use services**
- **Crib assistance**
- **Managed Care Organization (MCO) prenatal case management**

*These coordinated resources help patients get the most out of their MCOs and make a vital difference in maternal and infant outcomes: in recent years, pregnant people referred to care coordination in Baltimore City were **80% less likely to suffer a fetal or infant loss.**¹*

Your referral matters!

**Learn more about PRAs and connecting your patients to care coordination at
<https://www.healthybabiesbaltimore.com/provider-portal>**

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