

# Provider Bulletin

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## Assembly Bill (AB) 1936 Maternal Mental Health Screenings

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal and Marketplace lines of business.

### **What you need to know:**

Assembly Bill 1936 (AB 1936) establishes new requirements for maternal mental health programs to enhance the screening, diagnosis, treatment, and referral processes for mental health conditions during pregnancy and the postpartum period. These measures aim to improve outcomes for maternal mental health and ensure consistent, high-quality care across providers.

AB 1936 requires Managed Care Plans to ensure that health care providers include one maternal mental health screening during pregnancy and one additional screening during the first six weeks postpartum. Further screenings may be conducted if deemed medically necessary and clinically appropriate by the treating provider. Providers must document these screenings and ensure appropriate follow-up care or referrals are given when mental health concerns are identified. Molina will monitor compliance through claims.

Providers are expected to integrate these screenings into routine care for pregnant and postpartum patients, educate them about the availability of mental health support services, and ensure compliance with these new guidelines. Staff training and resources should also be updated to meet these requirements.

### **When this is happening:**

Effective January 1, 2025.

## Provider Action

The full AB can be found at

[leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1936](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1936).



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