

## The Prior Preterm Pregnancy Program

To support your efforts in preventing preterm delivery in high-risk pregnant women, Healthy Blue has a program to ensure providers are aware of members who may benefit from administration of 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17P). You will receive notification that members on your panel are identified through our high-risk screening survey as potential candidates for 17P.

If you wish to prescribe 17P for your patient, we offer the following guidance on how you may obtain 17P for delivery and administration:

- All outpatient pharmacy services are established by MO HealthNet. Please contact MO HealthNet Pharmacy Services at **1-800-392-8030** or **1-573-751-6527**. An authorization is not required from the health plan for the administration of 17P in an office setting.
- For home health administration, a separate prior authorization is required. Please contact the health plan.

Preterm birth, delivery before 37 weeks and zero/seven days of gestation, is a leading cause of infant morbidity and mortality in the United States. For women who have had a spontaneous preterm delivery, the risk for preterm delivery in subsequent pregnancies is 1.5 to 2 times higher. For pregnant women with a single pregnancy and a history of spontaneous preterm delivery, 17P can reduce the risk of preterm birth by approximately 30%. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved hydroxyprogesterone caproate injections to reduce the risk of preterm delivery in pregnant women with a history of prior preterm birth. As with any drug, there are risks that may outweigh these benefits.

For more information or if you have questions, contact your Healthy Blue Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-833-405-0986**.

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