



New 'Health in Pregnancy Grant' resources and claim procedure

As you may already be aware, from April 2009, almost all pregnant women in the UK will be entitled to Health in Pregnancy Grant (HiPG). In order to receive the payment of £190, the claim form will need to be signed by a registered, practising midwife or GP who has provided appropriate maternal health advice during the pregnancy.

Midwives and GPs are able to order a supply of claim forms by calling 0845 302 1430. Only one person per team should place an order for the forms and the forms should be stored securely. Claim forms will be sent out in packs of 10.

Heads of Midwifery who have already told us the number of forms they require do not need to take any further action, until their supplies have run out.

Pregnant women whose expected delivery date is on or after 6th April 2009, will be able to make a claim from their 25th week of pregnancy. Eligible pregnant women sending claims before 6th April 2009 should note that payments will not be received until the end of April.

To help prepare healthcare professionals for the arrival of the new grant, HM Revenue & Customs has produced a toolkit of resources, in partnership with the Royal College of Midwives. This includes a quick-reference guide detailing how the grant can be claimed, as well as providing answers to questions that pregnant women might ask about the grant.

A specially designed pregnancy wheel has also been produced, containing information about the various grants available during pregnancy on one side, and a traditional wheel on the other. It is hoped that it will act as a comprehensive planning tool for midwives to use with pregnant women. The pregnancy wheels will be distributed through Royal College of Midwife events.

For further information please visit
www.direct.gov.uk/money4mum2be.

Regional seminars will be taking place throughout this month. The seminars are intended to provide midwives with all the necessary information, to cascade to their teams, ahead of the introduction of the grant. The seminars also provide an opportunity for midwives to have any questions about the grant clarified by Royal College of Midwives and HM Revenue & Customs representatives. If you would like further information about the seminars or would like to book a place, please download the booking form at www.rcm.org.uk/resources/events.

