

Congratulations on your pregnancy! We look forward to working with you during this exciting time.

VA Butler Healthcare pays for obstetric (OB) care through the **Fee Basis** program. You pick a local OB doctor and hospital or birthing center. The VA pays the OB doctor a package rate, with a set number of visits, lab tests, and ultrasounds. *VA Butler does not have an in-house obstetrical service.*



“Before you were born I carried you under my heart. From the moment you arrived in this world until the moment I leave it, I will always carry you in my heart.”

Mandy Harrison

To learn more about Maternity Care Benefits for Women, call the VA Butler Women Veterans Program Manager at 800.362.8262, ext. 2756

For specialty care pre-approval or billing questions, call the VA Butler Fee Basis office at 724.287.4781 or 800.362.8262, ext. 2776 or ext. 5527 Monday - Friday (8 am-4:30 pm). Please call ext. 2299 after hours, on weekends, or holidays.

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ARMSTRONG COUNTY VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Klingensmith Building
313 Ford Street, Suite 2B
Ford City, PA 16226
724.763.4090

CLARION COUNTY VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

AC Valley Medical Center
855 Route 58, Suite One
Parker, PA 16049
724.659.5601

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Freedom Square
1183 Freedom Road, Suite A101
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
724.741.3131

LAWRENCE COUNTY VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Ridgewood Professional Centre
1750 New Butler Road
New Castle, PA 16101
724.598.6080

MICHAEL A. MARZANO VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

295 North Kerrwood Drive, Suite 110
Hermitage, PA 16148
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VA Butler Healthcare's Fee Basis

program pays a set fee (similar to Medicare rates) for the services you receive from your obstetrics (OB) doctor.

Your doctor requests Fee Basis consults for your OB care and needs to know:

- ★ If your pregnancy is high risk
- ★ If you are planning a tubal ligation (having your tubes tied)
- ★ If you are likely to have a Cesarean delivery (C-Section)

You will receive the Authorization for OB services in the mail, and it will be faxed to your doctor of choice.

Contact Fee Basis within 72 hours of an inpatient hospital admission.

VA Care during pregnancy

If you were seeing specialists at VA Butler before you became pregnant, **you may continue** to see them. Notify your doctors that you are pregnant so they can properly adjust any medications for the safety of the baby.

Specialty Care while pregnant

During your pregnancy, your obstetrics doctor may refer you to a non-VA specialist. Your OB doctor needs to get approval **before** you can be seen. **Call the VA Butler Fee Basis** office for pre-approval for any specialty consultation.

Pregnant Veterans who report to VA Butler with urgent issues may be triaged and treated or referred to another facility. Treatment depends on your stage of pregnancy, health status, and resources on hand.



Pregnancy Care Information

VA Butler is not equipped to address OB emergencies, so **discuss plans for emergencies** with your OB doctor. We will **always** act in the best interests of the woman Veteran and the baby.

Prescription information

Your VA Primary Care Provider may prescribe common pills, such as prenatal vitamins. Your **OB doctor** should prescribe all other drugs that you need during your pregnancy. You can fill these medications through **VA's Pharmacy** or at your local pharmacy, at your own expense.

Call VA Butler's Pharmacy for more information 800.362.8262 or 724.285.2280 (press 1), and follow the prompts to speak with a pharmacy technician.

Your medical records

If your OB doctor requires copies of your medical records; go to the Release of Information office (ROI). At VA Butler Healthcare, ROI is in Building 1, 2nd floor, room 207C. If you receive health care at a VA Outpatient Clinic, check with them about getting your records. After the OB doctor discharges you, remember to come back to VA Butler Healthcare for your ongoing Primary Care. Your baby needs you to stay healthy!

Obtain a copy of all important medical notes and tests from your OB doctor. Bring these with you to your next VA Primary Care appointment. Your VA doctor will want to review this information to develop your medical plan of care.

Billing Information

- ★ Your authorization for OB care covers you from the time you receive care through the initial post-partum weeks.
- ★ VA Butler pays for *global obstetrical care*. This means VA Butler pays the hospital and obstetrician a standard rate based on how many visits, tests, and procedures you need.
- ★ If you need extra care above what was first approved, such as additional ultrasounds or ER visits, the OB doctor's office needs to contact the VA Butler Fee Basis office **before** the procedure is done, if possible.
- ★ Your OB doctor will need to submit records by fax or mail to the VA Butler Fee Basis that show medical need before extra visits or work can be approved.

Please make sure VA Butler has your most recent address and telephone information. Call the VA Butler Fee Basis office at 724.285.2776 if you have any billing questions.

Newborn financial coverage

Recent Congressional law now permits the VA to pay for *"authorized medical care for the newborn child of a woman Veteran who is receiving maternity care furnished by the VA, for not more than seven consecutive days after the birth of the baby..."*

Check with VA Butler's Fee Basis office for more information about what is required to pay for your newborn's medical care.