

Tarrant County Public Health 17P Initiative

A program for prematurity prevention

Step by Step Guide for Incorporating 17P into Your Practice

- 1) Review the literature, educational materials, sample protocol and video clips posted on www.mombaby.org about 17P. Please note: some information pertains ONLY to North Carolina.
- 2) Educate clinic staff about the treatment and protocol. Utilize brochures and video as needed.
- 3) Review 17P billing procedures and confirm process with clinic administration:
 - a. Patients with Medicaid- see Medicaid handouts provided or visit www.tmhp.com, click on “Provider” and search for Makena™.
 - b. Patients with private insurance- most insurers reimburse for 17P. You must contact each insurance company for details on how to obtain preauthorization for 17P. In addition, these patients may apply for financial assistance through Makena™. This assistance may help with co-pays and deductibles.
 - c. Uninsured (low-income) patients- may qualify for financial assistance through Makena™ or get CHIP Perinatal coverage.
- 4) For patients with previous early births, review their history for eligibility for 17P treatment: previous, singleton, spontaneous preterm birth after 20 weeks gestation, and current singleton pregnancy.
- 5) If the woman is eligible, counsel her about: a) the treatment, its benefits and limitations, b) the importance of receiving weekly injections until 36 weeks, c) the signs and symptoms of the preterm labor, and d) the importance of continuing healthy habits.
- 6) Plan to begin 17P administration at 16 weeks gestation. The ideal time to begin this medication is between 16-20.6 weeks. If a woman enters prenatal care late, 17P may be started up until 24 weeks gestation.
- 7) Work with the patient to help facilitate her receiving weekly injections. This may include partnering with a provider office or the Tarrant County Public Health’s 17P Initiative by contacting:

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