

# Guide to fetal loss

The loss of a baby during pregnancy can be as tough as the loss of any loved one. After such a loss:

- Give yourself time to heal in your body, mind and heart.
- Take time to grieve.
- Talk about your baby and your feelings.

Your partner, friends and family can support you during this time. You also may want to talk with someone trained to help people during the grieving process.

## Your provider

Your healthcare provider can help you find services for depression. If you feel intense sadness, they can connect you with people to help you through your grief, like a social worker or counselor.

They can also help share what may have caused your loss, if there was a cause.

## HumanaBeginnings and behavioral health care managers

Our maternal and mental health care managers can work together to help you find ways to deal with your grief. They can connect you to providers or community resources as well as provide support and education. They can also help you work through medical and insurance questions.

## Other support

- A grief counselor is a mental health provider who can help you find ways to work through your feelings and manage your daily life.
- Your religious and spiritual beliefs may be a comfort to you as you grieve. Reach out to your place of worship for support and comfort.
- A bereavement support group consists of people who have been through similar loss. They meet to share their feelings and try to help each other. A support group can make you feel less alone. HumanaBeginnings™ care managers can help connect you with support and bereavement groups for parents and families who have lost a baby.
- Online support groups can make it easier to connect with others from the comfort of your home. Here are two to try:
  - March of Dimes Share Your Story ([www.Share.MarchOfDimes.org](http://www.Share.MarchOfDimes.org))
  - Share Pregnancy & Infant loss Support, Inc. ([www.NationalShare.org](http://www.NationalShare.org))

If you suffer a pregnancy loss, we can help. Call or email us to connect with a care manager.

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