

GENERAL NOTIFICATION

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Changes to Global Maternity Care and Delivery Coding

Maternity care is currently reported mainly under one 'global' code that represents nine months of care as a single bundled service. This simplifies billing but does not recognize variations or levels of complexity in care.

To enable more accurate and transparent reporting of care, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Medical Association (AMA) successfully advocated for the deletion of the global maternity care and delivery codes to be replaced with new CPT® codes, effective January 1, 2027.

The new code set classifies maternity care into four separate phases: antepartum, labor management, delivery, and postpartum and will allow for care to be reported more granularly at the service level.

Billing Guidance

In anticipation of the transition from the global obstetric codes to the new 2027 maternity services codes, beginning on and for dates of service **on or after September 1, 2026**, claims for members presenting for their first prenatal visit after confirmation of pregnancy must be billed with:

- An evaluation and management (E/M) code appended with modifier -TH to differentiate the visits as maternity care, **and**
- The appropriate ICD-10-CM code(s), (Z3A Category [4th character required]), to verify the gestation of the pregnancy.

Subsequent antepartum visits are required to be billed with the appropriate E/M code.

These claims are subject to E/M coding rules, and medical record documentation must support medical decision making (MDM) or the time consistent with current CPT® guidelines for the billing of an E/M code.

Claims for prenatal care for dates of services **prior to September 1, 2026**, should be billed with the current antepartum codes, **59425** for 4-6 Visits or **59426** for 7 or more visits.

For additional resources on the coding changes, visit the [AMA CPT® 2027 Maternity Care Services Code Changes](#) page and view the [AMA CPT® 2027 Maternity Care Services Code Guidelines](#).

We will keep you updated as we learn more.