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Global Maternity Bundled Codes Claim Edit Change Effective January 1, 2020 for Healthy Beginnings Plus Providers

Global maternity care includes pregnancy-related antepartum care, admission to labor and delivery, management of labor including fetal monitoring, delivery, and uncomplicated postpartum care until six weeks postpartum. **Global maternity billing is for Healthy Beginnings Plus providers only. All other providers should continue billing fee for service.**

For Healthy Beginnings Plus providers, effective January 1, 2020, the following global and bundled procedure codes **must** also be accompanied by an E&M code to reflect the actual date of antepartum and postpartum care.

| CPT Code | Description |
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| 59400 | Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery (with or without episiotomy, and/or forceps) and postpartum care |
| 59410 | Vaginal delivery only (with or without episiotomy and/or forceps); including postpartum care |
| 59425 | Antepartum care only; 4-6 visits |
| 59426 | Antepartum care only; 7 or more visits |
| 59510 | Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, cesarean delivery and postpartum care |
| 59515 | Cesarean delivery only; including postpartum care |
| 59610 | Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery (with or without episiotomy, and/or forceps) and postpartum care, after previous cesarean delivery |
| 59614 | Vaginal delivery only, after previous cesarean delivery (with or without episiotomy and/or forceps); including postpartum care |
| 59618 | Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, cesarean delivery, and postpartum care, following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery |

Reimbursement Guidelines

- A global charge should be billed for maternity claims when all maternity-related services, are provided by the same physician or physicians practicing at the same location. The number of antepartum visits may vary from patient to patient. If global maternity care is provided, all maternity related visits and delivery will be reimbursed under the global maternity code.
- Individual E&M codes should be billed to report all maternity-related E&M visits. Prenatal care is considered an integral part of the global reimbursement and will not be paid separately.
- Individual E&M codes should be billed with a zero-charge amount. Services will not be separately paid but must be separately reportable.
- All antepartum and postpartum dates of service must be billed – all should reflect a zero-charge amount.
- Only the applicable global maternity procedures, and their applicable payment modifiers, should reflect a positive charge amount.
- All individual E&M codes should be submitted at the same time, and on the same claim, as the global maternity code.
- Global maternity charges not submitted with the supporting E&M services will be denied.

Questions?

We're here to help. Just call our Provider Relations department at **1-866-638-1232** with any questions
Thank you for the quality care you give our members.