



CHIP Perinatal Postpartum

CHIP Perinatal (“CHIP-P”) covers two (2) postpartum visits within 60 days after delivery or end of pregnancy, even though the mother’s CHIP-P eligibility ends at the end of the month in which the pregnancy ends. For example, if a CHIP-P mother delivers her baby on November 15 then her CHIP-P eligibility ends on November 30. However, she may receive 2 covered postpartum visits until January 14.

Aetna Better Health of Texas (“ABHT”) previously compensated providers for the 2 CHIP-P postpartum visits through increased reimbursement of prenatal visits. That is, a 10% increase in payment for prenatal visits.

ABHT is changing the reimbursement methodology to better comply with HHSC requirements. Effective September 1, 2023, ABHT will discontinue using the increased payment rate for prenatal visits as a way to compensate for the 2 postpartum visits. ABHT will not recoup payments already made.

Effective September 1, 2023, ABHT will pay claims for 2 covered postpartum visits within 60 days after delivery or end of pregnancy. ABHT will pay 100% of the provider’s contracted rate for the following CPT codes:

59430	99202	99203	99204	99205
99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
99341	99342	99344	99345	99347
99348	99349	99350	T1015	Revenue Code 510

The codes above must be billed with at least one of the following diagnosis codes:

F53.0	O71.2	O72.1	O72.2	O72.3	O90.49
O90.5	O90.6	Z39.0	Z39.1	Z39.2	

Please submit individual claims to ABHT with the appropriate procedure and diagnosis code as the postpartum visits are rendered.

ABHT is updating systems and processes to reflect this change and will begin paying according to the above methodology on May 1, 2024. Providers who have already submitted a claim for dates of service on or after September 1, 2023 with the codes above do not need to resubmit; ABHT will process the claim. Additionally, through July 31, 2024 ABHT will waive timely filing requirements to accept and process previously unsubmitted claims (for dates of service on or after September 1, 2023 with the codes above).

Provider Relations, Aetna Better Health of Texas

CHIP

Bexar area: 1-866-818-0959 (TTY: 711)

Tarrant area: 1-800-245-5380 (TTY: 711)

STAR (Medicaid)

Bexar area: 1-800-248-7767 (TTY: 711)

Tarrant area: 1-800-306-8612 (TTY: 711)

STAR Kids

Dallas and Tarrant areas: 1-844-787-5437 (TTY: 711)