



Early Postpartum Visit "Post-Birth Health Check" Billing & Coding

OVERALL

New billing and coding strategies are necessary to receive additional reimbursement for the early postpartum visit outside of the global obstetrical reimbursement. Fee-for-service billings for additional postpartum visits should generally not be a reimbursement issue.

MEDICAID

Florida Medicaid fee-for-service and most Florida Medicaid Health Plans are fee-for-service only, so that billing for an additional postpartum visit(s) should not be an issue. Aetna and Molina are predominantly global reimbursement with some exceptions. Humana does some global obstetrical reimbursement, but does more fee-for-service.

GLOBAL REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS

To be reimbursed for an additional postpartum visit by a physician or nurse, you must either bill outside of the global obstetrical reimbursement package or attempt to end the global obstetrical package early. Potential strategies to use depend on the Health Plan's global obstetrical reimbursement package. You will generally need to test these potential billing approaches for each Health Plan.

1. Bill outside the global obstetrical package—An early postpartum visit can be billed without a pregnancy diagnosis using CPT Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes 99211-99215. Append modifier 24 to the E/M code indicating care is provided outside of the global obstetrical reimbursement package and link the E/M code to an appropriate ICD-10 code for the visit diagnosis (e.g., O14.05 Mild to moderate pre-eclampsia, complicating the puerperium or O86.01 Infection of obstetric surgical wound, superficial incisional site).

2. End the global package early—Have the early postpartum visit (Post-Birth Health Check) serve as the comprehensive postpartum visit using E/M code 0503F. Then, schedule the second postpartum visit as a well-women/annual exam using CPT Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes 99393-99397. This will depend on whether the global ends based on this visit type or a specified timeframe after delivery.



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