

May 1, 2020

MATERNITY SERVICES: CLAIM REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2020

Dear Obstetrical Provider:

Numerous nationally recognized metrics exist for measuring the quality of obstetrical services, i.e., 1) timeliness of prenatal care, 2) preterm birth rates, 3) primary C-section rates, and 4) postpartum care. In most cases, it is relatively easy to measure physician performance for each of these metrics – with the exception of the metric related to postpartum visits.

While the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) and existing Community Health Choice (Community) provider agreements allow physicians to bill for the delivery and postpartum visit using a single CPT code (59410, 59515, 59614, or 59622), this practice restricts Community's ability to determine an actual postpartum visit.

Additionally, when more than one Provider is involved in the care of a Member, Community may receive a claim for the single CPT code indicating delivery and postpartum care from one Provider and a separate claim for postpartum visit(s) from a different Provider for the same Member, complicating claims payment.

UPDATE

Effective **August 1, 2020**, Community will not accept the following billing codes for maternity services: 59410, 59515, 59614, and 59622. Providers must bill with the appropriate prenatal, delivery, and postpartum visit codes for our STAR, CHIP and CHIP Perinatal Members.

For additional information specific to CPT codes and billing for maternity services, please review the TMPPM.

REMINDER: CHIP PERINATAL

CHIP Perinatal (CHIP P) covers prenatal care, labor with delivery, and two postpartum visits within 60 days after delivery or end of pregnancy. Because a mother's CHIP P enrollment ends at the end of the month in which the pregnancy ended, she may still receive those covered postpartum visits after her enrollment period ends. For example, if a CHIP P-enrolled mother delivered her baby on February 15th, her enrollment ends on February 28th. However, she may receive covered postpartum visits until April 15th.

Should you have additional questions, please contact your Provider Engagement Representative or call the Provider Services line at 713.295.2295.