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AMA updates global obstetric CPT® code structure effective January 1, 2027

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to Medi-Cal providers involved in obstetric and prenatal care services.

What you need to know:

The American Medical Association (AMA) has announced significant changes to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code structure used for maternity care services. Effective **January 1, 2027**, the current global obstetric coding framework will be replaced with a new, disaggregated model that separately identifies:

- Antepartum (prenatal) care
- Labor management
- Delivery care
- Postpartum services

These revisions are intended to better reflect modern obstetric practice and support more accurate reporting of services provided throughout the pregnancy continuum. The changes were developed through collaboration between the AMA, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and other national medical specialty organizations.

DHCS implementation

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has announced its intent to align Medi-Cal prenatal care billing with these coding changes and ACOG recommendations, subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Providers should begin reviewing current billing workflows, documentation practices, and operational processes to ensure readiness for the transition.

Why this matters

The revised CPT® code structure is designed to:

- Improve transparency in maternity care reporting
- Better reflect team-based and individualized obstetric care
- Support accurate reimbursement for services delivered during each stage of pregnancy
- Align coding practices with contemporary clinical care models

Provider action

Review upcoming changes to obstetric billing requirements and prepare for implementation **effective January 1, 2027**.

Molina Healthcare will communicate additional implementation guidance as it becomes available from DHCS and CMS.

Additional resources

Providers are encouraged to review the following resources for details regarding the updated maternity care coding structure:

- AMA: ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-2027-maternity-care-services-code-changes
- DHCS Provider Communication: mcweb.apps.prn.cammiis.medi-cal.ca.gov/news/34130
- ACOG News Release: acog.org/news/news-releases/2026/04/ama-releases-new-obstetric-codes



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