

2027 Maternity Services Coding Update

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Effective January 1, 2027, significant changes to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for maternity care services will take effect, changing how maternity care is reported and billed. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is updating its maternity services billing requirements accordingly. Providers caring for members whose pregnancies span 2026 and 2027 will need to account for this transition when billing antepartum services provided in 2026.

The CPT 2027 maternity care services changes will better reflect modern obstetric practice, enable accurate and transparent reporting across the full pregnancy spectrum, and create the data foundation necessary to better attribute maternal care and support the complexities of team-based care throughout a patient's journey.

As part of this change, 17 existing CPT codes will be deleted, 12 new CPT codes will be added, and six CPT codes will be revised effective January 1, 2027. Providers can review the [CPT 2027 Maternity Care Services code changes](#) on the American Medical Association (AMA) website for additional information.

Billing 2026 Antepartum Care for Members Delivering in 2027

Providers must continue to follow 2026 CPT coding guidelines for all antepartum care provided during calendar year 2026, including for members who will deliver in 2027.

For antepartum services provided in 2026 when delivery will occur in 2027, providers should report the care based on the total number of antepartum visits provided during the 2026 calendar year:

- **1–3 visits:** Report each encounter using the appropriate evaluation and management (E/M) code.
- **4–6 visits:** Report CPT code **59425**.
- **7 or more visits:** Report CPT code **59426**.

Providers should bill Neighborhood for these 2026 antepartum services at the conclusion of the member's antepartum care for the calendar year. Providers do not need to wait until the member delivers in 2027 to submit these claims.

For additional guidance on reporting antepartum care that spans the transition to the new 2027 coding structure, review the AMA's [CPT Maternity Care Services Education Brief: Antepartum Transition Reporting](#).

Changes Beginning January 1, 2027

Beginning with **dates of service on or after January 1, 2027**, the new CPT maternity care services coding structure will apply.

Under the new structure, antepartum care will be reported on a per-encounter basis using the appropriate E/M code. CPT codes 59425 and 59426, along with the existing global maternity care codes, will be deleted for 2027.

The new coding structure also establishes updated reporting requirements for labor management, delivery and postpartum care.

Neighborhood will follow the updated CPT coding structure effective January 1, 2027. Providers should ensure that their billing systems and processes are updated to support the new, revised and deleted maternity care services codes.

Updated Obstetrical Services Payment Policy

Neighborhood's [Obstetrical Services Payment Policy](#) will be updated to reflect the maternity care coding changes effective January 1, 2027, including the applicable new, revised and deleted CPT codes.

Providers should review the updated policy for complete billing and reimbursement requirements.