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Effective immediately, New York State Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) directs all Medicaid-enrolled providers of antepartum, postpartum, labor and delivery services to use the below for services provided to individuals that initiate prenatal care on or after June 1, 2026, and/or have an estimated due date on or after January 1, 2027:

- Evaluation and Management (E/M) Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes with a -TH modifier;
- Pregnancy-related O or Z ICD-10 diagnostic codes for all prenatal visits; and
- Initial prenatal visits must include the Category II CPT code 0500F.

For services provided to Medicaid members who have established prenatal care prior to June 1, 2026, current billing guidance applies through December 31, 2026.

E/M CPT codes are to be used for prenatal services in place of global/bundled obstetric CPT codes (noted in table below) in anticipation of January 1, 2027 comprehensive changes to obstetric-related services per the American Medical Association. The American Medical Association obstetric billing guidance can be found in the [AMA RUC Recommendations for CPT 2027](#).

Bundled/Global CPT codes that will be deleted and **unavailable when service dates include dates on or after January 1, 2027:**

CPT Code	CPT Description
59400	Vaginal Delivery with Antepartum and Postpartum Care
59425	Antepartum Care Only; 4-6 Visits
59426	Antepartum Care Only; 7 or More Visits
59510	Cesarean Delivery with Antepartum and Postpartum Care
59610	Vaginal Birth after Cesarean (VBAC) Delivery with Antepartum and Postpartum Care
59618	Cesarean Delivery After Attempted Vaginal Delivery with Antepartum and Postpartum Care

CPT E/M codes **available to identify routine antepartum care:**

CPT Code	CPT Description	Modifier
99202	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	-TH modifier to be used for all routine prenatal visits initiated on or after June 1, 2026
99203	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	
99204	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	
99205	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	
99211	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	
99212	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit for The	
99213	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit For The	
99214	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit For The	
99215	Office Or Other Outpatient Visit For The	
99341	Residence Visit For New Patient With	
99342	Residence Visit For New Patient With Low Level	
99344	Residence Visit For New Patient With Moderate	
99345	Residence Visit For New Patient With High Level	
99347	Residence Visit For Established Patient With	
99348	Residence Visit For Established Patient With Low	
99349	Residence Visit For Established Patient With	
99350	Residence Visit For Established Patient With	
99417	Prolonged Outpatient Service, Each 15 Minutes	

As of January 1, 2027, additional CPT codes used for billing obstetric services will be revised and deleted. Further guidance will be released by the American Medical Association for obstetric-related services, and the Department will release further updates.

Additional Resources:

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Statement, Payment for Obstetric Services: acog.org/practice-management/coding/coding-library/payment-for-obstetric-services

American Medical Association recorded webinar and slides, A Health Plan Primer: Previewing the CPT 2027 Restructure for Maternity Care Services: ama-assn.org/membership/events/health-plan-primer-previewing-cpt-2027-restructure-maternity-care-services

American Medical Association RUC recommendations, minutes and voting: ama-assn.org/about/rvs-update-committee-ruc/ruc-recommendations-minutes-voting

American Medical Association RUC Recommendations for CPT 2027: ama-assn.org/system/files/feb-2026-ruc-recommendations

FFS and Questions and Additional Information:

Medicaid FFS claim questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.

FFS coverage and policy questions should be sent to MaternalandChild.HealthPolicy@health.ny.gov.

Medicaid Managed Care Billing Information

MMC questions should be directed to the MMC Plan of the enrollee. MMC Plan contact information can be found in the [eMedNY New York State Medicaid Program Information for All Providers - Managed Care Information](#) document.

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