

Effectiveness of Care Measure



# Timeliness of Prenatal Care

Learn how to improve your Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) rates.

**Measure**



The percentage of deliveries or live births with a prenatal care visit in the first trimester:

- on or before the enrollment start date, or
- within 42 days of enrollment into the health plan.

Timing of the measurement year: Deliveries on or between October 8 of the year prior to the measurement year and October 7 of the measurement year.

**Scheduling – access to care**



Ensure appointment availability for patients who think they may be pregnant.

- Schedule within one week of calling the primary care physician (PCP) or OB/GYN office.
- Offer flexible appointment times or telehealth visits as appropriate.
- DO NOT send patients to urgent care.

**Best practices**



PCP offices should do the following:

- Schedule a prenatal visit with the provider before the patient leaves the office.
- Send the patient for follow-up within 30 days if initial depression screening is positive.
- Ask patients if they are vaping or smoking and refer them to the free resources at California Smokers Helpline.
  - 1-800-NO-BUTTS English
  - 1-800-45-NO-FUME Spanish
  - 1-800-838-8917 Mandarin & Cantonese
  - 1-800-556-5564 Korean
  - 1-800-778-8440 Vietnamese
- Document the OB/GYN practitioner’s name and the date of the first prenatal visit in the patient’s chart.
- Request delivery summary from hospitals in preparation for postpartum appointment.
- Have your patients call their health plan to coordinate their transportation.
  - Health Net (ModivCare, formerly LogistiCare): 1-855-253-6863
  - L.A. Care (Call the Car): 1-866-522-2736
  - Anthem (ModivCare, formerly LogistiCare): 1-877-931-4755
  - Blue Shield Promise (Member Services): 1-800-605-2556
  - Molina Healthcare (Secure Transportation): 1-844-292-2688

**Documentation**



Include the following data in the patient’s medical record:

- Diagnosis of pregnancy, if exam is done by a PCP.
- Date of prenatal visit even if confirming pregnancy only.
- One of the following:
  - Documentation indicating the woman is pregnant, such as:
    - » use of a standardized prenatal flow sheet, or
    - » last menstrual period (LMP), estimated due date (EDD) or gestational age, or
    - » a positive pregnancy test, or
    - » gravidity and parity, or
    - » a complete OB history, or prenatal risk assessment and counseling/education.
  - A basic physical OB exam that uses a standardized prenatal flow sheet.
  - Evidence that a prenatal care procedure was done, such as:
    - » a complete OB panel,
    - » TORCH antibody panel alone,
    - » a rubella antibody test/titer with an Rh incompatibility (ABO/Rh) blood typing, or
    - » an ultrasound of a pregnant uterus.

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## Billing

**Prenatal visit** – When the practitioner is an OB/GYN, other prenatal care practitioner or PCP, any of the following meet the criteria for a prenatal visit:

- Bundled service – Date of service for the timely prenatal visit must be indicated on the claim.
- Prenatal care visit – OB/GYN only.
- Prenatal care visit – PCPs must include pregnancy-related diagnosis code.

**National Provider Identifier (NPI)** – The individual NPI must be used. Do not use the clinic NPI.

## Coding

**A primary diagnosis** of pregnancy must be included with the procedure codes when billing for services.

The table below lists the appropriate codes to use when billing prenatal claims.

Services	Modifiers	Codes <sup>1</sup>				
		CPT	CPT Cat II	HCPCS	UB revenue	ICD-10 diagnosis <sup>2</sup>
<b>Prenatal visits – first trimester</b>		99201–99205, 99211–99215, 99241–99245		G0463, T1015	0514	
<b>Prenatal bundled</b>		59400, 59425, 59426, 59510, 59610, 59618				009.x, Z34.x
<b>Standalone</b>		99500	0500F–0502F			
<b>Telehealth services</b>	95, GT, 02	99441–99443, 98966–98968, 99444, 99212– 99215				

<sup>1</sup>Use a CPT, CPT II or HCPCS code, or the UB revenue code.

<sup>2</sup>ICD-10 – Due to numerous code options, all have not been documented. Refer to the current American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) ICD-10 code book.

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