

Provider Bulletin

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UCare to implement maternity care billing changes

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) are replacing the current global billing model, which uses a single current procedural terminology (CPT®) code, with a phase-based billing and payment structure. Under the new CPT billing structure, providers will be required to submit more specific codes that reflect the care provided during each of the four phases of maternity services: antepartum care, labor management, delivery and postpartum care. Providers submitting claims for maternity care services should be reviewing and preparing for these changes. ACOG recommends that providers switch to billing by component for members who begin antepartum (prenatal) care in 2026 and are expected to deliver in 2027.

The changes will apply to 2026 UCare members in Prepaid Medical Assistance Program, MinnesotaCare, Minnesota Senior Care Plus, UCare Connect, UCare Individual & Family Plans and UCare Individual & Family Plans with M Health Fairview.

Antepartum care modifier

In alignment with the AMA, ACOG and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) maternity billing changes, UCare will process claims for prenatal visits billed with the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes for dates of service on or after June 1, 2026.

Providers should append the TH modifier to the appropriate E/M code to identify a prenatal visit and ensure appropriate coverage is applied. Do not append the TH modifier when the visit is unrelated to prenatal care.

Providers are expected to continue following all applicable CPT coding guidelines when selecting and billing E/M codes.

Timeline

- **June 1, 2026:** Providers are encouraged to begin billing prenatal visits with E/M codes (99202-99499) + TH modifier.
- **Sept. 1, 2026:** Providers are encouraged to fully transition to using the appropriate E/M codes (99202-99499) + TH modifier.
- **Jan. 1, 2027:** Global obstetric care services codes are no longer valid. DHS fully transitions to the new AMA coding methodology.

More information

[CPT® 2027 Maternity Care Services code changes | American Medical Association](#)

[Payment for Obstetric Services | ACOG](#)

[Minnesota DHS Provider Manual - Reproductive Health/OB-GYN - Obstetric Services](#)

[Minnesota DHS - Frequently asked questions: 2027 perinatal billing changes](#)