
Update and Clarification of Obstetrical Services and Postpartum Care Policy

It has come to the attention of DHH that some providers are continuing to submit claims for CPT code 59430 (Postpartum care only [separate procedure]) when they have also submitted and been paid for one of the delivery codes that include postpartum care. It has been the intent of DHH that when the delivery codes that include postpartum care were made payable, separate reimbursement for postpartum care was no longer valid if those inclusive codes were used. Providers who perform both the OB delivery services and the postpartum care should use the code that describes these services and not unbundle the services by use of individual procedure codes. As with all claim submissions, providers are to use the most inclusive code available. Only when there is not a more appropriate code available should providers use the separate code for the postpartum service. At no time does Louisiana Medicaid intend to reimburse more than once for postpartum care. Providers should refer to the *Current Procedural Terminology* manual for additional coding guidance related to these services. Providers are urged to review their billing practices and take action as needed to be in compliance with Medicaid policy. Overpayments and abusive billing are subject to recoupment and/or sanction.