

Maternity Care Services Global CPT® Code Changes Effective January 1, 2027

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are eliminating global obstetric bundles in favor of itemized billing. This change reflects industry trends toward transparency, flexibility, and consistent reimbursement across the full spectrum of maternity care – from prenatal visits through postpartum support.

Truli for Health (Truli) is adopting this national standard to align with coding and documentation practices for providers. Effective January 1, 2027, services for prenatal visits, labor management, delivery, and postpartum care will be billed separately.

What is Changing?

- Code changes, with 12 new codes added, revisions to six existing codes, and the removal of 17 codes.
- New coding guidelines and CPT subsections will apply.
- CMS will finalize values for the new codes in November 2026.

For more details, refer to the Questions and Answers section below.

Our Policy Updates

We have updated our **Obstetrical Services policies**, specifically to address billing for 2026 antepartum care for 2027 deliveries. This information is available in our [Truli payment policies](#). Watch for complete updates to the 2027 policies coming soon.

What This Means for You

- **Coding, Documentation, and Billing Process:** Your workflows and electronic health records (EHR) configurations will require updates.
- **Contract Amendments:** Affected contracts will be amended.
- **Payment Policy Changes:** Services rendered on or after January 1, 2027 will be reimbursed under the new fee schedule.

What You Can Do

- Review and update your maternity coding, documentation, billing workflows, and EHR configurations, as appropriate.
- Prepare staff and systems for the transition.
- Keep your contact information/profile current in the Truli Payer Spaces in Availity Essentials™ (essentials.availity.com).
- Review updated Obstetrical Services payment policies for Truli
- Watch for contract amendments sent to affected providers.

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Questions and Answers

1. What are the most notable Maternity Care Services coding changes?

Key changes include:

- Prenatal visits will use existing Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes instead of current antepartum care codes
- Postpartum care will be reported using E&M codes
- New labor management codes allow reporting by calendar day and differentiate between basic and complex care
- Delivery and labor management codes are reported independently
- Certain obstetrical procedures will use new codes

2. Will Truli require the TH modifier on E&M services for routine prenatal care once the global obstetric delivery CPT codes are eliminated in 2027?

Truli is updating its Obstetrical Services policies. The TH modifier is not required for routine prenatal care E&M services, as determination of prenatal status can be made based on the diagnosis codes billed with the E&M service. However, use of the TH modifier is encouraged to help clearly identify prenatal services and support accurate claims processing. Providers should continue to bill appropriate diagnosis codes that reflect the prenatal nature of the visit.

3. If E&M services are not accepted for routine prenatal care, will Truli require use of antepartum-only CPT codes?

Yes. For 2027 deliveries, any antepartum care provided in 2026 should use:

- E&M codes for one to three visits
- CPT code 59425 for four to six visits
- CPT code 59426 for seven or more visits

4. Will Truli accept separate reporting of E&M services for routine prenatal care during and after the 2027 transition?

Yes. Truli aligns with CPT guidelines. For deliveries in 2027 with antepartum care provided in 2026:

- Use 2026 CPT codes for antepartum visits in 2026 (the global code for delivery includes reimbursement for routine prenatal visits).
- Report E&M codes for one to three antepartum visits.
- For four or more visits in 2026, only report the antepartum codes (59425 for four to six visits; 59426 for seven or more visits) per CPT standards

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5. How will Truli handle transition scenarios where routine prenatal care is provided in 2026 (under current global maternity guidelines) and delivery occurs in 2027 after global delivery codes are discontinued (e.g., acceptance of E&M vs. antepartum codes in combination with delivery-only codes)?

For pregnancies with expected deliveries in 2027 and antepartum care provided in 2026, Truli aligns with CPT guidelines, requiring providers to use 2026 CPT codes for antepartum visits in 2026. Code selection is based on the total number of documented prenatal visits. Also, any antepartum or postpartum care provided in 2027 for a 2027 delivery will use E&M codes per CPT's new instructions.

6. Where can I find the CPT code changes for maternity care services?

The AMA has published the [Maternity Care Services CPT codes and guidelines](#), effective January 1, 2027, as part of the CPT 2027 code set (subject to refinements).

7. Where can I find more information about the Maternity Care coding change?

Visit the [AMA's website](#) and review the [guidance published by the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists and the AMA](#) including the [FAQs: CPT 2027 Maternity Care Services code changes](#).

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