Reminder about maternity billing guidelines

As a reminder, global obstetric (OB) codes should be billed whenever one practitioner or practitioners of the same provider group provide ALL components of an AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa member’s OB care, including four or more antepartum visits, delivery, and postpartum care. If global care is provided, ALL pregnancy-related visits (excluding inpatient hospital visits for complications of pregnancy) should be billed under the global OB code.

Important note: Global OB codes cannot be used when only certain OB services are provided by the billing practitioner or practitioners of the same group, such as when the member receives antepartum care only, when the member receives delivery care only, or when the member undergoes an inpatient hospital visit due to pregnancy complications. For a complete list of maternity billing codes, including modifiers and additional details about maternity billing, please refer to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise’s Maternity Billing Guidelines.

Claims and Billing Guide
In the next revision of our Claims and Billing Guide, the “Maternity” section will be updated to reflect the information shared in this notice. Please refer to this notice until the updated Claims and Billing Guide is published.

Notify Bright Start®
If you have a pregnant patient who is an AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa member, we strongly encourage you to notify Bright Start, our maternity program which helps mothers and their babies stay healthy throughout their pregnancy. The Bright Start team provides care management to members, as well as helps providers manage prior authorizations and claims related to the health care of a member and their baby. Call Bright Start at 1-855-332-2440, option 3 to learn more.

Additional resources
Contact your Provider Network Account Executive or call Provider Services at 1-844-411-0579 for more information.

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