

To: MDwise Hoosier Alliance OB/GYNs and PMPs

Subject: Billing for Two Postpartum Visits

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The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends that women receive a postpartum exam within 4 to 6 weeks after delivery. ACOG standards also call for an earlier postpartum exam (within 7 to 14 days) for women who have had a complicated pregnancy and/or C-section. Under Indiana's Health Coverage Programs policy, payment can be made for two postpartum visits within 60 days after an eligible member delivers her baby.

If you feel your MDwise Hoosier Alliance postpartum patients require two exams to ensure their good health, those visits are billable. However, please remember that if you are striving to meet the HEDIS postpartum measurement for these patients, you'll need to conduct one of these visits between the 21st and 56th day after your patient has delivered. The other visit can be conducted when you feel it is most appropriate.

How you bill MDwise Hoosier Alliance for postpartum exams depends on how you've billed us for the delivery. The following are postpartum billing code guidelines:

- When using CPT codes which include delivery plus postpartum care – 59410, 59515, 59614, or 59622 – you can bill one additional postpartum visit with CPT code 59430.
- When using CPT codes that capture delivery only – 59409, 59514, 59612, or 59620 – you can bill two additional postpartum visits with CPT code 59430.
- Postpartum care is a pregnancy-related service. When billing for this service, IHCP policy requires you to include the Last Menstrual Period (LMP) date and a pregnancy-related diagnosis code.
- A Pap smear can also be billed for separate reimbursement during this 60-day postpartum timeframe.

To view the full text of postpartum billing rules, visit:

<http://indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/Manuals/Provider/chapter08.pdf>.

We hope these postpartum billing reminders and coding tips are helpful. If you have any questions, please contact your Hoosier Alliance Account Executive.