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Updated Code Edits

Effective Jan. 1, 2027

New Billing Requirement for CPT® Code 81420

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, providers will only be able to bill one unit of CPT® code 81420 (fetal chromosomal aneuploidy genomic analysis panel, circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood, including analysis of chromosomes 13, 18 and 21) in a 10-month period. This code is used for one-time testing during pregnancy, so we'll deny claims for multiple units billed for the same patient within a 10-month period. This change applies to all commercial members. If you have questions, please call the Provider Service line for your patient's plan.

Code Editing for Lactation Services Effective Jan. 1, 2027

We're continuing our commitment to correct coding and the implementation of programs that support nationally recognized and accepted coding policies and practices.

CPT® codes 99401–99404 describe individual preventive medicine counseling and risk-factor reduction services. These face-to-face services are intended to promote health and prevent illness or injury in a patient without a specific illness or condition for which the counseling would otherwise be provided as part of treatment.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, CPT® codes 99401–99404 will not be considered for reimbursement when submitted by lactation providers for patients ages 0 through 8. This edit applies to lactation services billed under the infant's or child's benefit.

Although lactation services may involve both mother and baby, preventive lactation counseling should be reported under the lactating member receiving the counseling service. If the infant is part of the lactation visit, don't report a separate preventive counseling service for the infant. CPT® codes 99401–99404 may be considered for reimbursement when the lactating member is reported as the patient, when the service is appropriate and supported by the medical record.

If both the mother and baby take part in the lactation visit, report the preventive counseling service only once under the lactating member's policy. Claims submitted by lactation providers with CPT® code 99401, 99402, 99403 or 99404 for patients ages 0 through 8 years will be denied.

Consistent with our Provider Administration Manual, eligible rendering professionals include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants or certified nurse-midwives for whom lactation counseling, education or consultation is within their scope of practice.

CPT® codes 99401–99404 shouldn't be used to report evaluation or treatment of an existing breastfeeding or lactation condition. Providers should report the appropriate service supported by the medical record and applicable coding and reimbursement requirements.

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