

# **OHCA 2027 MATERNAL CARE CODE CHANGES**



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SoonerCare policy is subject to change.

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# WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

This webinar will prepare providers for the mandatory transition from legacy bundled maternal codes to American Medical Association (AMA) unbundled E&M codes by Jan. 1, 2027.

## Recommended audience

All OHCA contracted maternal care providers, managed care organization(MCO)representatives, and billing staff who provide services and submit claims.

# AGENDA

- Why are we changing to unbundled codes?
- The implementation timeline
- Common pitfalls and preventing double billing
- 2026-2027 coding changes
- Resources & contact information

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## Alignment

Shifting to national AMA standards for clearer, more granular maternal care data.

## Benefits

Improved tracking of maternal health outcomes and simplified eventual encounters with national clearinghouses.

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## **September 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026**

Providers should start utilizing individual Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes for new patients initiating prenatal care.

# THE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE, CONT.

For antepartum services before Jan. 1, 2027, providers should adhere to the following billing scenarios:

## 1–3 visits performed:

- Bill using individual E/M codes.

## 4–6 visits performed:

- Bill 59425 (Predelivery care, 4–6 visits) for the initial block of visits.

## 7+ visits performed:

- Bill 59426 (Predelivery care, 7 or more visits). Providers should not bill this code and then bill additional E/M visit codes for services delivered before 12/31/26.

# THE IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE, CONT.

## **The DOS rule:**

- Billing rules are driven entirely by the date of service, not the date the claim is submitted.

## **Pre-2027 services:**

- Services rendered on or before Dec. 31, 2026, must use legacy codes.

## **Post-2027 services:**

- Services rendered on or after Jan. 1, 2027, must use new unbundled codes.

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## The risk:

- Erroneously billing both a bundled and unbundled code for the same patient journey.

## The rule:

- If a legacy bundled code is billed (which inherently includes postpartum care), you cannot bill separate postpartum E&M visits.

## System safeguards:

- OHCA has implemented strict check and balance logic that will automatically reject these overlapping claims.

# **2026 – 2027 CODING CHANGES**

| <b>Deleted<br/>2026<br/>codes</b> | <b>Code description</b>                                                                                                               | <b>What to use instead - 2027 codes</b>                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 59050                             | Fetal monitoring during labor by consulting physician (IE nonattending physician) with written report; supervision and interpretation | 59051 (fetal monitoring by consulting physician) - not reported by attending provider (COVERAGE WILL NOT BE ADDED FOR THIS CODE) |
| 59400                             | Vaginal delivery with care before and after delivery                                                                                  | *E/M codes (antepartum visits) + 59431/59432 (vag delivery) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)    |
| 59409                             | Vaginal delivery only (with or without episiotomy and/or forceps)                                                                     | 59431/59432 (vag delivery) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                                                      |
| 59410                             | Vaginal delivery with post delivery care                                                                                              | 59431/59432 (vag delivery) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                     |
| 59425                             | Predelivery care, 4 to 6 visits                                                                                                       | *E/M codes (antepartum visits)                                                                                                   |
| 59426                             | Predelivery care, 7 or more visits                                                                                                    | *E/M codes (antepartum visits)                                                                                                   |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 59430                             | Post delivery care                                                      | *E/M codes (postpartum visits)                                                                                             |
| 59510                             | Cesarean delivery with care before and after delivery                   | *E/M codes (antepartum visits) + 59502/59503 (C-section) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management) |
| 59514                             | Cesarean delivery only                                                  | 59502/59503 (c-section) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                                                   |
| 59515                             | Cesarean delivery with care after delivery                              | 59502/59503 (c-section) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                  |
| 59525                             | Subtotal or total hysterectomy after cesarean delivery                  | 59504                                                                                                                      |
| 59610                             | Vaginal delivery before and after care after previous cesarean delivery | *E/M codes (antepartum visits) + 59432 (VBAC) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)            |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 59612                             | Vaginal delivery only after previous cesarean delivery                                                                     | 59432 + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                                                                      |
| 59614                             | Vaginal delivery including after care after previous cesarean delivery                                                     | 59432 (VBAC) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                              |
| 59618                             | Cesarean delivery and care before and after delivery following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery | *E/M codes (antepartum visits) + 59503 (c-section repeat) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management) |
| 59620                             | Cesarean delivery following vaginal delivery attempt after previous cesarean delivery                                      | 59503 (c-section repeat) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                                                   |
| 59622                             | Cesarean delivery with care after delivery following vaginal delivery attempt after previous cesarean delivery             | 59503 (c-section repeat) + *E/M codes (postpartum visits) + 59080-59083 (labor management)                                  |

| <b>*E/M codes</b> | <b>Description</b>        |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 99202             | OFFICE O/P NEW SF 15 MIN  |
| 99203             | OFFICE O/P NEW LOW 30 MIN |
| 99204             | OFFICE O/P NEW MOD 45 MIN |
| 99205             | OFFICE O/P NEW HI 60 MIN  |
| 99211             | NURSE VISIT               |
| 99212             | OFFICE O/P EST SF 10 MIN  |
| 99213             | OFFICE O/P EST LOW 20 MIN |
| 99214             | OFFICE O/P EST MOD 30 MIN |
| 99215             | OFFICE O/P EST HI 40 MIN  |

| <b>*E/M codes</b> | <b>Description</b>           |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 99341             | HOME/RES VST NEW SF MDM 15   |
| 99342             | HOME/RES VST NEW LOW MDM 30  |
| 99344             | HOME/RES VST NEW MOD MDM 60  |
| 99345             | HOME/RES VST NEW HIGH MDM 75 |
| 99347             | HOME/RES VST EST SF MDM 20   |
| 99348             | HOME/RES VST EST LOW MDM 30  |
| 99349             | HOME/RES VST EST MOD MDM 40  |
| 99350             | HOME/RES VST EST HIGH MDM 60 |

| <b>*E/M codes</b> | <b>Description</b>           |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 99221             | 1ST HOSP IP/OBS SF/LOW 40    |
| 99222             | 1ST HOSP IP/OBS MODERATE 55  |
| 99223             | 1ST HOSP IP/OBS HIGH 75      |
| 99231             | SBSQ HOSP IP/OBS SF/LOW 25   |
| 99232             | SBSQ HOSP IP/OBS MODERATE 35 |
| 99233             | SBSQ HOSP IP/OBS HIGH 50     |

| <b>*E/M codes</b> | <b>Description</b>           |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 99234             | HOSP IP/OBS SM DT SF/LOW 45  |
| 99235             | HOSP IP/OBS SAME DATE MOD 70 |
| 99236             | HOSP IP/OBS SAME DATE HI 85  |
| 99291             | CRITICAL CARE FIRST HOUR     |
| 99292             | CRITICAL CARE ADDL 30 MIN    |

# **RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION**

# RESOURCES

[CPT® 2027 Maternity Care Services code changes | American Medical Association\)](#)

# CONTACT INFORMATION

- Email us at [Massunit@okhca.org](mailto:Massunit@okhca.org).
- Call Provider Services at 1-800-522-0114, option 1.
- Requests for assistance should be emailed to: [SoonerCareEducation@okhca.org](mailto:SoonerCareEducation@okhca.org). Requests should include the provider's name and ID, contact information and a brief description of the needed assistance.

# RESOURCES

## Aetna Better Health

- [AetnaBetterHealth.com](https://www.AetnaBetterHealth.com)
- 844-365-4385 (TTY: 711)

## Humana Healthy Horizons of Oklahoma

- [Humana.com](https://www.Humana.com)
- 855-223-9868 (TTY: 711)

## Oklahoma Complete Health

- [OklahomaCompleteHealth.com](https://www.OklahomaCompleteHealth.com)
- 833-752-1664 (TTY: 711)

**QUESTIONS?**



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