

To: AmeriHealth Caritas DC Prenatal Care Providers

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Subject: Prenatal Telehealth Visits

Dear Provider:

Prenatal telehealth visits can be a solution to help ensure a prenatal assessment is completed before every newborn delivery without burdening the patient with an in-person visit. Please see the attached flyer for more information on optimizing the value of these visits.

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at 202-408-2237.

Optimizing the Value of Prenatal Telehealth Visits

In-person appointments can be challenging for some patients with competing health and social priorities. Prenatal telehealth visits can be a solution to help ensure a prenatal assessment is completed before every newborn delivery without burdening the patient with an in-person visit.

Although in-person office visits are ideal, a telehealth evaluation is an alternate option that can provide access to needed care.

Any *one* of the following may be used as evidence for prenatal care:

1. Documentation indicating the patient is pregnant or references to the pregnancy. For example:

- Documentation in a standardized prenatal flow sheet,
- Documentation of LMP, EDD or gestational age,
- A positive pregnancy test result,
- Domentation of gravidity and parity,
- Documentation of complete obstetrical history, or
- Documentation of prenatal risk assessment and counseling/education.

2. Evidence that a prenatal care procedure was performed, such as:

- Screening test in the form of an obstetric panel,
- TORCH antibody panel alone,
- A rubella antibody test/titer with an Rh incompatibility (ABO/Rh) blood typing, or
- Ultrasound of a pregnant uterus.

3. A basic physical obstetrical examination that includes:

- Auscultation for fetal heart tone,
- Pelvic exam with obstetric observations, or
- Measurement of fundus height.

Bundled prenatal visits: CPT 59400, 59425, 59426, 59510, 59610, 59618 Services provided during a telephone visit, e-visit, or virtual check-in are acceptable. For more information, please refer to the Provider <u>HEDIS Documentation and Coding Guidelines</u>.

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All social determinants of health (SDOH) play an important role in maternal health! For any SDOH concerns related to our enrollees, please contact a Care Manager for assistance at 1-877-759-6883. This is a secure line where you can leave a message with your name, practice name, call back number, Enrollee name, Enrollee Medicaid number, and your concern(s). We'll take care of the rest.

Your Partners at AmeriHealth Caritas DC

Provider Network Executive: 202–408–2237 or 1–888–656–2383 **Maternal Health Case Management Team:** 1–877–759–6883 **Quality Management:** 1–855–217–2219

