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Important Notice: Global Billing of Obstetric Care

Beginning on January 1, 2012, Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc. (CHNCT) will no longer process medical claims for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and Charter Oak Health Plan members. Hewlett Packard (HP) will process medical claims for these members for dates of service on or after January 1, 2012.

The purpose of this notice is to provide guidance on the requirements for payment of obstetrical claims, as instructed by the Department of Social Services.

For deliveries on or before December 31, 2011, providers may submit global obstetric codes to CHNCT.

Global Obstetric Codes

Code	Description
59400	Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery and postpartum care
59510	Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, cesarean delivery and postpartum care
59610	Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery and postpartum care, after previous cesarean delivery
59618	Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, cesarean delivery, and postpartum care, following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery

For deliveries on or after January 1, 2012 with prenatal care prior to January 1, 2012, providers should NOT submit global obstetric codes to CHNCT or HP. Instead providers should submit prenatal care codes to CHNCT and delivery codes to HP.

Prenatal Care Codes

Code	Description
59425	Antepartum care only; 4-6 visits
59426	Antepartum care only; 7 or more visits
Code	Description
59409	Vaginal delivery only
59514	Cesarean delivery only
59612	Vaginal delivery only, after previous cesarean delivery
59620	Cesarean delivery only, following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery
59410	Vaginal delivery only; including postpartum care
59515	Cesarean delivery only; including postpartum care
59614	Vaginal delivery only after previous cesarean delivery; including postpartum care
59622	Cesarean delivery only, following attempted vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery; including postpartum care
E & M Codes	Antepartum care; 1-3 visits

Delivery Codes

For prenatal care which begins January 1, 2012 and later, providers may submit global obstetric codes to HP.

Timely Filing Requirements for CHNCT Providers

For those providers who need to submit claims to CHNCT for prenatal care, in order to comply with this notice, CHNCT will lift its timely filing requirements for these claims.

Please contact CHNCT's Provider Call Center at 1.800.440.5071 with any questions.