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Reimbursement Policy Statement Louisiana Medicaid

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LA Policy-Age Consistency-Maternity Diagnoses		ABHLA-RP-0002	
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Medical	Administrative	Pharmacy	Reimbursement

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana reimbursement policies are intended to provide a general reference for claims filing, coding and documentation guidelines. Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry-standard claims logic, benefits design and other factors not listed in this policy statement are considered in the development of reimbursement policies.

In addition to this Policy, reimbursement of rendered services are subject to member benefits, eligibility on the date of service, medical necessity, other plan policies and procedures, claim editing logic, provider contracts and all applicable authorization, notification and utilization management guidelines set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

This policy does not ensure either an authorization or reimbursement of services. Please refer to the plan contract for the service(s) referenced therein. If there is a conflict between either this policy or the plan contract, then the plan contract will be the controlling document used to make an authorization or payment determination.

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A. Policy

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana implements comprehensive and robust policies to ensure alignment with Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and to warrant that regulatory standards are met. Certain ICD-10 CM diagnosis codes are specific to certain age groups. A patient under the age of 12 or above the age of 55 would not be expected to have procedures performed for a maternity related diagnosis code. This policy is reflective of our system configuration and is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Provider Manual. There are age restrictions on certain diagnosis code groups that will prevent claims from paying if coded incorrectly.

B. Overview

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision ICD 10-CM codes, certain diagnoses codes have age constraints. The Louisiana Department of Health Provider Manual and the LA Medicaid fee schedule reference these specific age groups. Please note that some diagnoses or procedure codes have no age restrictions.

C. Definitions

Maternity: Age range is 12–55 years inclusive (e.g., diabetes in pregnancy, antepartum pulmonary complication)

D. Reimbursement Guidelines

Louisiana Medicaid Fee Schedule

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

E. Applicable Codes/Condition of Coverage

Please reference the CPT Manual:

<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt-current-procedural-terminology>

F. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where can I find more information about ICD-10?

A: Many resources remain to help providers with ICD-10 questions. Please refer to the CMS ICD-10 webpage for informational resources. A step-by-step resource list is available to help you quickly locate important contacts.

Q: What level of ICD-10 code specificity is required so that my claims will not be rejected? How

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This Reimbursement Policy has been reviewed, given due consideration and has been approved by the Policy committee of Aetna Better Health of Louisiana.



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can I ensure my claims will be paid?

A: Even with the ICD-10 flexibilities guidance established by the CMS-AMA Agreement, as of October 1, 2015, a valid ICD-10 code has been required on all claims billed under the Medicaid Fee-for-Service fee schedule. Also available is 2017 ICD-10-CM, the updated diagnosis code set for services.

G. Review/Revision Date

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H. Resources

Louisiana Department of Health State Contract, regulations, Provider Manual, fee schedules and notices

<http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Providermanuals/manuals/PS/PS.pdf>

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm

American Medical Association, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Professional Edition and associated publications and services

<https://www.ama-assn.org/>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

<https://www.cms.gov/>