

UPDATE April 2024

OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is committed to reducing health inequities. As part of this commitment, ABHLA encourages the use of Z Codes to document Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), including access to food, access to transportation, literacy issues, and other social and economic issues.

Effective 12/13/2021, ABHLA began reimbursing a flat rate incentive payment of \$30 for a one-time billing of Z Codes per claim, per member encounter when providers billed CPT Code G9919 with 1 unit, and at least one of the Z codes listed in this notification as a diagnosis on a claim.

After careful consideration that included direct feedback from our providers, and in an effort to reduce administrative barriers, ABHLA will institute an adjustment to billing requirements. **Beginning 06/01/2024, providers should submit claims utilizing CPT Code 96160 with 1 unit and eligible Z codes to receive the SDoH incentive payment.**

As of 06/01/2024, to ensure receipt of this incentive payment, providers must:

- Bill CPT Code 96160 with 1 unit and include at least one of the Z Codes listed in this notification as a diagnosis on a claim.
 - Note: CPT Code 96160 must be billed in the amount of \$30.00 to receive the incentive payment, this includes claims from Rural Health Clinics / Federal Qualified Health Clinics.
 - Note: CPT Code 96160 must be linked and submitted on the same claim line level as the corresponding Z Code(s) to be billed and paid correctly.
 - Note: Please refer to the table of Z Codes provided, as they are considered eligible for the incentive (e.g., Z55-65).
- Providers of *all types* may bill Z Codes in the above manner for the flat rate reimbursement. (i.e., ABHLA does not limit any provider types or specialties to bill this incentive. If the rendering ‘providers’ on the claim (e.g., CHWs, etc.) are valid, have an NPI, and are associated with the group and credentialed to bill a claim, then they are eligible for the incentive).
- There is no maximum number of Z Codes which can be included on the claim. The flat rate incentive payment of \$30 is per claim – not per diagnosis. This can be billed for each encounter a member presents and is identified through screening as having a SDoH need.

The following Z Codes are valid for reimbursement when billed with CPT Code 96160:

Z Code	Description
Z55.0	Illiteracy and low-level literacy
Z55.1	Schooling unavailable and unattainable
Z55.2	Failed school examinations
Z55.3	Underachievement in school
Z55.4	Educational maladjustment and discord with teachers and classmates
Z55.5	Less than a high school diploma
Z55.8	Other problems related to education and literacy
Z55.9	Problems related to education and literacy, unspecified
Z56.0	Unemployment, unspecified
Z56.1	Change of job
Z56.2	Threat of job loss
Z56.3	Stressful work schedule
Z56.4	Discord with boss and workmates
Z56.5	Uncongenial work environment
Z56.6	Other physical and mental strain related to work
Z56.81	Sexual harassment on the job
Z56.82	Military deployment status
Z56.89	Other problems related to employment
Z56.9	Unspecified problems related to employment
Z57.0	Occupational exposure to noise
Z57.1	Occupational exposure to radiation
Z57.2	Occupational exposure to dust
Z57.31	Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke
Z57.39	Occupational exposure to other air contaminants
Z57.4	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in agriculture
Z57.5	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in other industries
Z57.6	Occupational exposure to extreme temperature
Z57.7	Occupational exposure to vibration
Z57.8	Occupational exposure to other risk factors
Z57.9	Occupational exposure to unspecified risk factor
Z58.6	Inadequate drinking-water supply
Z59.00	Homelessness unspecified
Z59.01	Sheltered homelessness
Z59.02	Unsheltered homelessness
Z59.1	Inadequate housing
Z59.2	Inadequate housing
Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
Z59.41	Food insecurity
Z59.48	Other specified lack of adequate food
Z59.5	Extreme poverty
Z59.6	Low income
Z59.7	Insufficient social insurance and welfare support

Z Code	Description
Z59.811	Housing instability, housed, with risk of homelessness
Z59.812	Housing instability, housed, homelessness in past 12 months
Z59.819	Housing instability, housed unspecified
Z59.89	Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances
Z59.9	Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified
Z60.0	Problems of adjustment to life-cycle transitions
Z60.2	Problems related to living alone
Z60.3	Acculturation difficulty
Z60.4	Social exclusion and rejection
Z60.5	Target of (perceived) adverse discrimination and persecution
Z60.8	Other problems related to social environment
Z60.9	Problem related to social environment, unspecified
Z62.0	Inadequate parental supervision and control
Z62.1	Parental overprotection
Z62.21	Child in welfare custody
Z62.22	Institutional upbringing
Z62.29	Other upbringing away from parents
Z62.3	Hostility towards and scapegoating of child
Z62.6	Inappropriate (excessive) parental pressure
Z62.810	Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood
Z62.811	Personal history of psychological abuse in childhood
Z62.812	Personal history of neglect in childhood
Z62.813	Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation in childhood
Z62.819	Personal history of unspecified abuse in childhood
Z62.820	Parent-biological child conflict
Z62.821	Parent-adopted child conflict
Z62.822	Parent-foster child conflict
Z62.890	Parent-child estrangement NEC
Z62.891	Sibling rivalry
Z62.898	Other specified problems related to upbringing
Z62.9	Problem related to upbringing, unspecified
Z63.0	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner
Z63.1	Problems in relationship with in-laws
Z63.31	Absence of family member due to military deployment
Z63.32	Other absence of family member
Z63.4	Disappearance and death of family member
Z63.5	Disruption of family by separation and divorce
Z63.6	Dependent relative needing care at home
Z63.71	Stress on family due to return of family member from military deployment
Z63.72	Alcoholism and drug addiction in family
Z63.79	Other stressful life events affecting family and household
Z63.8	Other specified problems related to primary support group
Z63.9	Problem related to primary support group, unspecified

Z Code	Description
Z64.0	Problems related to unwanted pregnancy
Z64.1	Problems related to multiparity
Z64.4	Discord with counselors
Z65.0	Conviction in civil and criminal proceedings without imprisonment
Z65.1	Imprisonment and other incarceration
Z65.2	Problems related to release from prison
Z65.3	Problems related to other legal circumstances
Z65.4	Victim of crime and terrorism
Z65.5	Exposure to disaster, war and other hostilities
Z65.8	Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances
Z65.9	Problem related to unspecified psychosocial circumstances

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health’s Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.