

Provider Update



Billing guide for newborn services billed using mother's ID number

Summary of change: Effective January 1, 2016, according to Kansas Department of Health and Environment policy, claims for newborn services billed under the mother's member ID number may be suspended for 45 days pending Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. receipt of the newborn's member ID number. If Amerigroup receives a newborn ID within 45 days of the newborn's date of birth, the original claim submitted under the mother's ID will be denied. Provider will be notified that a new claim will need to be submitted using the newborn's member ID number.

If Amerigroup does not receive a newborn ID within 45 days of the newborn's date of birth, the claim will be processed under the mother's member ID number.

✦ **What this means to you:** If a newborn member ID number is received within 45 days, the claim will be denied and notification will be sent to the provider to submit a claim using the newborn's member ID number. If no newborn member ID is received within the 45 days, the claim will be processed using the mother's member ID number.

Newborn services are considered procedure codes which specifically state "newborn" in the code description according to the CPT® manual, newborn diagnosis codes that are identified by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), I or revenue codes 170-179. When billing newborn services for a newborn who does not have a member ID number, use "Newborn," "Baby Girl" or "Baby Boy" in the first name field and the mother's last name. Use the newborn's date of birth and the mother's member ID number.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.