

# Provider Update

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## Newborn diagnosis codes as primary in the ICD-10-CM Z38.0 code range

**Background:** Effective with date of processing April 28, 2017, and retroactive to date of service October 22, 2016, diagnosis codes in the range of Z38.0-Z38.8 are considered acceptable as primary (principal) on the initial record of a newborn baby. The following diagnosis codes will be removed from the list of unacceptable principal diagnosis codes and may be used as primary: Z38.1, Z38.4 and Z38.7.

### What is the impact of this change?

Upon the completion of a system reconfiguration to reflect diagnoses Z38.1, Z38.4 and Z38.7 as appropriate primary codes, we will adjust previously denied claims for dates of service on or after October 22, 2016.

### What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received it in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.