

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**SUBJECT:** Billing Changes to Global Obstetrics (OB) Services

**DESCRIPTION:**

Statement of Necessity

Currently, in InterChange, claims being billed by providers for global obstetrics (OB) services are erroneously being denied if the member has a change in benefit plan at any point during the global OB billing period. This revision is intended to remedy this issue.

Rule Summary

Effective June 1, 2020, Section 292.671 of the Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center Medicaid Provider Manual is being revised to update the billing instructions for providers submitting global OB claims.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public hearing was held on this rule. The public comment period expired on March 23, 2020. The agency indicated that it received no public comments.

The proposed effective date is June 1, 2020.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The agency indicated that this rule does not have a financial impact.

**LEGAL AUTHORIZATION:** The Department of Human Services has the responsibility to administer assigned forms of public assistance and is specifically authorized to maintain an indigent medical care program (Arkansas Medicaid). *See* Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-76-201(1), 20-77-107(a)(1). The Department has the authority to make rules that are necessary or desirable to carry out its public assistance duties. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-76-201(12). The Department and its divisions also have the authority to promulgate rules as necessary to conform their programs to federal law and receive federal funding. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-10-129(b).

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**DIVISION** Division of Medical Services  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.
- B. Please answer each question **completely** using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.
- D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

**Jessica C. Sutton**  
**Administrative Rules Review Section**  
**Arkansas Legislative Council**  
**Bureau of Legislative Research**  
**One Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Little Rock, AR 72201**

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1. What is the short title of this rule? Billing Changes to Global OB (Obstetrics) Services

2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? The Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center Medicaid Provider Manual is being revised to update the billing instructions for providers submitting global obstetrics (OB) claims.

3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes  No   
If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes  No

If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? \_\_\_\_\_

When does the emergency rule expire? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative

Procedure Act?

Yes

No

5. Is this a new rule? Yes  No   
If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the regulation. \_\_\_\_\_

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes  No   
If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does. \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes  No   
If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation. Arkansas Code §§ 20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary? See attached.

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b).

<https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/general/comment/comment.aspx>

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes  No   
If yes, please complete the following:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

March 23, 2020

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

June 1, 2020

12. Please provide a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a), and proof of the publication of said notice. See attached.

13. Please provide proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State as required pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e). See attached.

14. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you expect to comment on these rules? Please provide their position (for or against) if known. Unknown

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

**DEPARTMENT**     Department of Human Services

**DIVISION**        Division of Medical Services

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT**   Brian Jones

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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE**   Billing Changes to Global Obstetrics (OB) Services

- 1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?     Yes      No
  
- 2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?     Yes      No
  
- 3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered?     Yes      No

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

(a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

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(b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

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(c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

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(d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

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4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0
Cash Funds	_____
Special Revenue	_____
Other (Identify)	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Federal Funds	\$0
Cash Funds	_____
Special Revenue	_____
Other (Identify)	_____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \$0 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \$0 \_\_\_\_\_

No change just clarification on how the provider is to bill the global OB claim.

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes  No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;

- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129.

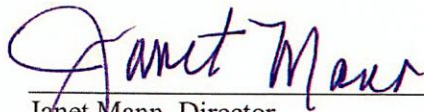
### **Effective June 1, 2020:**

The Physician/Independent Lab/CRNA/Radiation Therapy Center Medicaid Provider Manual is being revised to update the billing instructions for providers submitting global obstetrics (OB) claims.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule on the Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Comment.aspx>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than March 23, 2020. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-320-6266.

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Janet Mann, Director  
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**Why is this change necessary? Please provide the circumstances that necessitate the change.**

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## SECTION II - PHYSICIAN/INDEPENDENT LAB/CRNA/RADIATION THERAPY CENTER

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#### *TOC not required*

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The global method of billing should be used when one (1) or more physicians in a group see the patient for a prenatal visit and one (1) of the physicians in the group does the delivery. The physician that delivers the baby should be listed as the attending physician on the claim that reflects the global method.

No benefits are counted against the beneficiary's physician visit benefit limit if the global method is billed.

- A. One (1) charge for total obstetrical care is billed. The single charge includes the following:
1. Antepartum care which includes initial and subsequent history, physical examinations, recording of weight, blood pressure, and fetal heart tones, routine chemical urinalyses, maternity counseling, and other office or clinic visits directly related to the pregnancy.
  2. Admissions and subsequent hospital visits for the treatment of false labor, in addition to admission for delivery.
  3. Vaginal delivery (with or without episiotomy, with or without pudendal block, with or without forceps, or breech delivery), or cesarean section and resuscitation of newborn infant when necessary.
  4. Routine postpartum care (sixty (60) days), which includes routine hospital and office visits following vaginal or cesarean section delivery.
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1. At least two (2) months of antepartum care were provided culminating in delivery. The global billing beginning date of service is the date of the first visit that a Medicaid beneficiary is seen with a documented possible pregnancy or a confirmed pregnancy diagnosis. This beginning date of service must be billed in the "initial treatment date" field on the claim when billing for global obstetric care.
  2. The patient was continuously Medicaid eligible for two (2) months or more months before delivery and on the delivery date.

If either of the two (2) conditions is not met, the services will be denied, stating either "monthly billing required" or "beneficiary ineligible for service dates".

- C. The correct codes for billing Medicaid for global obstetric care are as follows.

National Codes			
59400	59510	59610	59618

When billing these procedure codes, both the first date of antepartum care after Medicaid eligibility has been established and the date of delivery must be indicated on the claim ~~in the date of service field.~~ The delivery date is the date that is to be in the From and To Date

of Service billed on the line with the above codes. The first date of antepartum care is to be billed in the "Initial Treatment Date" field.

For the CMS 1500 claim form, this is field 15 – Other Date Field. Qualifier 454 is required.

15. OTHER DATE				
QUAL		MM	DD	YY

For the Provider Portal, the Date Type is "Initial Treatment Date" and the Date of Current is the first date of antepartum care.

Claim Information	
Date Type <input type="text" value=""/>	Date of Current <input type="text" value=""/>

If these two (2) dates are not entered and are not at least two (2) months apart, payment will be denied. The 12-month filing deadline is calculated based on the date of delivery.

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