

# 2020 Quality Measure Highlight

## Timeliness of Prenatal Care

### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The percentage of deliveries that received a prenatal care visit in the first trimester, on or before the enrollment start date or within 42 days of enrollment in the organization.

**Denominator:** Eligible population, women who delivered a live birth on or between October 8 of the year prior to the measurement year and October 7 of the measurement year. Include women who delivered in any setting.

**Numerator:** The eligible population with a prenatal visit during the first trimester, on or before the enrollment start date or within 42 days of enrollment, depending on the date of enrollment in the organization and the gaps in enrollment during the pregnancy.

A diagnosis of pregnancy must be present.

**Measure Type:** Hybrid (medical record/ claims/ lab data)

**Intent / Importance:** Timely prenatal care is proven to improve health outcomes of pregnancy for mothers and their children.<sup>1</sup> Increased access to health care during pregnancy and childbirth can prevent pregnancy-related deaths and diseases. A pregnant woman's contact with her provider is more than a simple PCP visit because it establishes care and support throughout the pregnancy.<sup>2</sup>

### Coding

**Prenatal visit during first trimester: CPT** 99201–99205, 99211–99215 and 99241–99245. Prenatal visits require a primary diagnosis of pregnancy along with the noted tests.

**OB panel: CPT** 80055

**Prenatal ultrasound: CPT** 76801, 76805, 76811, 76813, 76815–76817, 76819–76821, 76825–76828 / ICD10-PCS BY49ZZZ, BY4BZZZ, BY4CZZZ, BY4DZZZ, BY4FZZZ, BY4GZZZ

**Toxoplasma antibody:** 86777, 86778

**Rubella antibody CPT:** 86762

**Cytomegalovirus antibody CPT:** 86644

**Herpes simplex antibody CPT:** 86694–86696

**Rh CPT:** 86901

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (2015). Clinical Quality Measures: Prenatal – First Trimester Care Access. Web. 3 May 2017.  
<https://www.hrsa.gov/quality/toolbox/508pdfs/prenatalmoduleaccess.pdf>

<sup>2</sup>World Health Organization. (2017). *Sexual and Reproductive Health: New guidelines on antenatal care for a positive pregnancy experience*. Retrieved from: <http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/en/>

### **Please Note**

- As part of the Perinatal QIP, participating providers can earn up to **\$75 per patient** in the eligible population by filling out the submission tracker indicating a complete prenatal visit occurred.
- For more information, please refer to the [Perinatal QIP webpage](#), or contact the Perinatal QIP Team at [perinatalqip@partnershiphp.org](mailto:perinatalqip@partnershiphp.org).

### **Compliant Documentation**

Documentation in the medical record must include:

- A note indicating the date when the prenatal visit occurred
- Documentation of estimate date of delivery (EDD) and gestational age in weeks
- A comprehensive physical and obstetrical examination that includes weight (lbs), blood pressure, and **one** of the following:
  - Auscultation for fetal heart tone
  - Pelvic exam with obstetric observations
  - Fundus height measurement (a standardized prenatal flow sheet may be used)
  - Ultrasound
- Assessment of a complete medical and social history including but not limited to:
  - History of gestational diabetes
  - Use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during pregnancy
  - C-section prior to the pregnancy
  - Issues with previous pregnancy
- Depression screening

### **Best and Promising Practices**

- Train Front Office/Phone staff to use pregnancy wheels/calculators to schedule first visits in appropriate time frame
- Use PHC sponsored patient incentives to engage patient in prenatal visits
- Refer to PHC Care Coordination to support patients accessing necessary services and appointment access
- Screen for depression and depression risk at first visit and throughout pregnancy
- Refer for Behavioral Health therapy for depression risk and depression diagnosis
- Effective Documentation and Attestation for P-QIP
  - **EDD and** date of visit
  - Assessment and physical exam
  - Depression screening tool used and score
  - Use of pregnancy surveillance related codes (Z34.90)