

Strategies to Increase Postpartum Visit Adherence

To ensure your patients receive the best of care Affinity Health Plan offers the following suggestions to increase the likelihood of your patients obtaining a timely (**3 to 8 week**) postpartum visit:

- Schedule postpartum visits 4 to 5 weeks (not 6 weeks) after delivery. This way, if that appointment is missed, there will still be enough time to reschedule before 8 weeks.
- Schedule postpartum visits prior to delivery, within 4 weeks of the expected DOD.
- Piggyback post partum visits with infant appointments if both are patients at your site.
- During the prenatal period, make sure patients know they will need a postpartum check up, and make sure they know who they should see for this.
- Conduct active outreach for “no shows.”
- Document “PPV” or “postpartum care” in the progress note for any visits occurring 3-8 weeks post delivery.
- Use updated, compliant HEDIS codes to get credit for postpartum visits.
- Wound checks prior to 21 days are **not** considered PPVs for QARR, so make sure the patient understands the importance of returning prior to 8 weeks for a complete PPV.
- You can bill a PPV code below more than once and be reimbursed, so wound checks prior to 21 days post-op may be followed-up with another PPV between 21 and 56 days for a QARR “hit.”

Codes to Identify Postpartum Visits:

CPT Codes	LOINC	ICD-9-CM Codes
57170, 58300, 59430, 88141-88143, 88147, 88148, 88150, 88152-88155, 88164-88167, 88174, 88175	10524-7, 18500-9, 19762-4, 19764-0, 19765-7, 19766-5, 19774-9, 33717-0, 47527-7, 47528-5	89,26, 91.46 V codes: V24.1, V24.2, V25.1, V72.3, V76.2

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Questions?

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