

# PROVIDER Bulletin



## KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Dear Provider,

The CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) identifies a set of preventive health and chronic condition management measures for annual performance reporting by Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs). This set of measures is called the Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS). There are 39 quality measures and 15 of them are subject to a Minimum Performance Level (MPL) benchmark set by DHCS using the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) national compliance rates.

MCPs that do not meet MPLs established for these 15 measures are subject to fines, sanctions and/or corrective action determined by DHCS.

One of the measures that KHS has struggled meeting the MPL is the percentage of our pregnant women who have their first prenatal visit within the first trimester of pregnancy. Review of KHS data shows that many KHS members have pregnancy tests done at the PCP office. To be compliant for this measure, visits to a PCP **must include documentation of the following in the progress notes:**

- A positive pregnancy test, **and**
- Documentation of LMP, EDD or gestational age, **and**
- TORCH antibody panel blood test

Services must be delivered by a PCP or OB/GYN or other prenatal care practitioner.

KHS has identified this an opportunity to improve the prenatal MCAS rate and will pay PCPs at their contracted value for any claims that contains:

- **ICD-10 Pregnancy Diagnosis Code Z34.91: Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester. (This shows patient has a positive pregnancy test)**

**AND**

- **HCPC Code Z1032: Initial comprehensive pregnancy-related office visit**

To qualify for payment, there should be documentation in the medical record that there was a positive pregnancy test and that **blood tests for TORCH** were ordered or drawn.

KHS strongly recommends PCPs encourage their patients to schedule an appointment with their OB doctor of choice as soon as possible after this visit. If the member needs help choosing an OB, they can contact KHS Member Services Department at 1-800-391-2000.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000.

Sincerely,

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