

Prenatal service third-party liability change

The *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018* made changes to the coordination of benefits process for prenatal services, which formerly received special treatment under the Medicaid third-party liability requirements. The act directs Medicaid to apply the standard coordination of benefits rule when processing claims for prenatal services. In accordance, HealthKeepers, Inc. will implement these changes for Anthem HealthKeepers Plus members effective November 18, 2019.

What is the impact of this change?

HealthKeepers, Inc. will no longer *pay and chase* claims for prenatal services. In accordance with the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018*, prenatal services are now subject to standard coordination of benefits procedures. Additional information on this legislation can be found at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib060118.pdf>.

In situations where third-party liability is likely, HealthKeepers, Inc. will return a claim to the provider noting the party that HealthKeepers, Inc. believes is responsible for payment. If the provider bills the liable third party and a balance remains or the claim is denied payment for a substantive reason, the provider can submit a claim to HealthKeepers, Inc. for payment of the balance, up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service.

For services paid since October 30, 2018, where there is indication of third-party liability, HealthKeepers, Inc. will retract provider payments and note the party that HealthKeepers, Inc. believes is responsible. If the provider bills the liable third party and a balance remains or the claim is denied payment for a substantive reason, the provider can submit a claim to HealthKeepers, Inc. for payment of the balance, up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service.

What if I need assistance?

If you have any questions about this communication, call Provider Services at **1-800-901-0020** or Anthem CCC Plus Provider Services at **1-855-323-4687**.

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