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Prenatal service third-party liability change

The *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018* makes changes to the coordination of benefits process for prenatal services, which formerly received special treatment under Medicaid third-party liability requirements. This law directs Medicaid to apply the standard coordination of benefits rule when processing claims for prenatal services. In accordance, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will implement these changes effective November 1, 2019.

What is the impact of this change?

Anthem 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, Anthem will return a claim to the provider noting the party Anthem believes is responsible for payment. If after 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 Anthem for payment of the balance up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service.

For services paid since April 23, 2018 where there is indication of third-party liability, Anthem will retract provider payments noting the party that Anthem believes is responsible. If after 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 Anthem for payment of the balance, up to the maximum Medicaid payment amount established for the service.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at **1-855-558-1443**.

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