



Doula Crosswalk Coding Information

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Starting November 1, 2024, doulas will need to include a “diagnosis code” on claims for services in both fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems. This is required by federal law. Under Medi-Cal’s doula policy, doulas will only use diagnosis codes that describe/identify what occurred at the service. They are not being used for medical and/or diagnostic purposes.

To assist doulas with submitting claims, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) created the coding crosswalk below that identifies which diagnosis codes may be billed with each CPT or HCPCS code. Claims will be denied if they do not have a diagnosis code or if they have a different diagnosis code paired with a billing code than what is shown below. The diagnosis code should be entered in field 21A on the CMS 1500 form and diagnosis code should **NOT** have a decimal point on the form.

| Doula Billing Code Crosswalk | | | | |
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| Billing Code* | Billing Code Service Description+ | Diagnosis Code(s) ¹ | Diagnosis Code Service Description(s) ² | Additional Guidance ³ |
| HCPCS code Z1032 | Extended Initial visit | Z32.2 (prenatal) | Encounter for childbirth instruction | Any one of the four diagnosis codes can be used with HCPCS code Z1032. Please note that the initial visit can be either prenatal or postpartum. |
| | | Z32.3 (prenatal) | Encounter for childcare instruction | |
| | | Z39.1 (postpartum) | Encounter for care and examination of lactating mother | |
| | | Z39.2 (postpartum) | Encounter for routine postpartum follow-up | |
| HCPCS code Z1034 | Prenatal Visit | Z32.2 | Encounter for childbirth instruction | Either diagnosis code can be used with HCPCS code Z1034. |
| | | Z32.3 | Childcare instruction | |
| CPT code 59409 | Vaginal Delivery | Z33.1 | Pregnant state, incremental | Either diagnosis code can be used with CPT code 59409. Please note that diagnosis code Z39.0 is intended to be used after delivery. |
| | | Z39.0 | Encounter for care and examination of mother immediately after delivery | |
| CPT code 59612 | Vaginal delivery after cesarean delivery | Z33.1 | Pregnant state, incremental | Either diagnosis code can be used with CPT code 59612. Please note that diagnosis code Z39.0 is intended to be used after delivery. |
| | | Z39.0 | Encounter for care and examination of mother immediately after delivery | |
| CPT code 59620 | Cesarean Delivery | Z33.1 | Pregnant state, incremental | Either diagnosis code can be used with CPT code 59620. Please note that diagnosis code Z39.0 is intended to be used after delivery. |
| | | Z39.0 | Encounter for care and examination of mother immediately after delivery | |
| CPT code 59840 | Abortion | Z33.1 | Pregnant state, incremental | Only diagnosis code Z33.1 should be used with CPT code 59840. |
| HCPCS code T1033 | Miscarriage | Z33.1 | Pregnant state, incremental | Only diagnosis code Z33.1 should be used with HCPCS code T1033. |
| HCPCS code Z1038 | Postpartum visit | Z39.0 | Encounter for care and examination of mother immediately after delivery | Any of the three diagnosis codes can be used with HCPCS code Z1038. Please note that diagnosis code Z39.0 is intended to be used after delivery. |
| | | Z39.1 | Encounter for care and examination of lactating mother | |
| | | Z39.2 | Encounter for routine postpartum follow-up | |
| HCPCS code T1032 | Postpartum Extended Visit | Z39.0 | Encounter for care and examination of mother immediately after delivery | Any of the three diagnosis codes can be used with HCPCS code T1032. Please note that diagnosis code Z39.0 is intended to be used after delivery. |
| | | Z39.1 | Encounter for care and examination of lactating mother | |
| | | Z39.2 | Encounter for routine postpartum follow-up | |

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