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CPT® Education Brief: Maternity Care Services 2027 – Antepartum Transition Reporting

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Maternity Care Services 2027
Q&A: Antepartum Transition Reporting

Q: *For patients with antepartum care in both the 2026 and 2027 calendar years, the global delivery codes will expire before their care is completed. How should antepartum care be reported across years?*

A: From a CPT® reporting perspective, for patients receiving antepartum care services in both 2026 and 2027:

Antepartum visit services provided in 2026 should be reported using codes 59425, 59426 or E/M codes, depending on the number of visits in 2026. Antepartum visits provided in 2027 should be reported with E/M codes.

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Antepartum Transition Reporting With Current CPT® Codes

- CPT codes 59425 and 59426 are active in the CPT 2026 code set, and available for reporting under current CPT guidelines.
- Additionally: guidance to report E/M codes for fewer than 4 antepartum visits is also included in the current CPT code set.

(For 1-3 antepartum care visits, see appropriate E/M code[s])

59425 Antepartum care only; 4-6 visits

CPT Assistant Fall 94:21, Apr 97:11, Aug 02:3

59426 7 or more visits

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Q&A: Antepartum Transition Reporting – Timing

Q: *When should I begin to report this transition timing?*

A: The ability to select between 59425 and 59426 will depend on the exact number of antepartum encounters completed in 2026.

While this will not be known with certainty until closer to the end of the calendar year, you may consider planning ahead and identifying patients whose reporting may be impacted by the crossover, based on their anticipated delivery date.

The following page provides an illustrative calendar guide, connecting potential antepartum code reporting by anticipated delivery dates.

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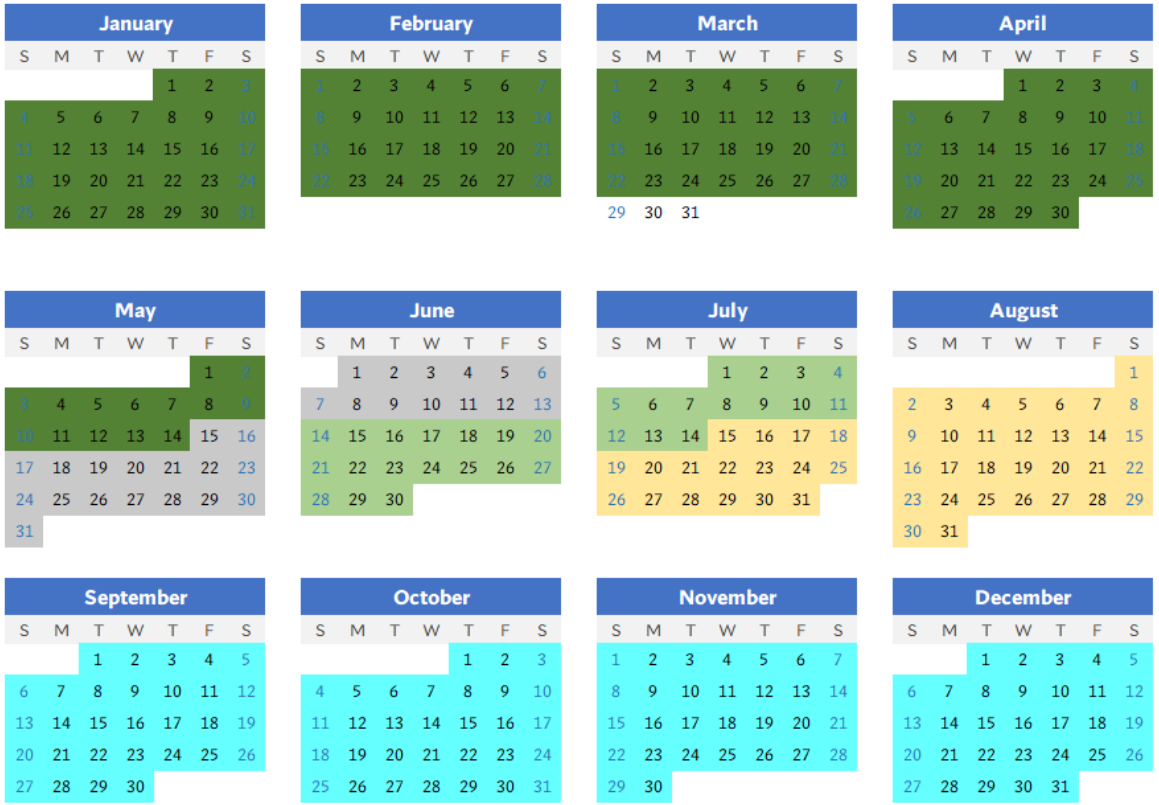
Preparation: Antepartum Transition Reporting – Consider Due Dates



DATE OF FIRST 10 WEEK PRENATAL VISIT

- Due dates in 2026
- Due dates Dec/Jan
- Due dates Jan/Feb: 7 or more visits (CPT® 59426)
- Due dates Feb/April: 4-6 visits (CPT® 59425)
- Due dates April on: likely less than 4 visits (E/M codes)

Illustrative Guide for Planning Purposes

- Pregnancies with first 10-week visits January through May will likely utilize current OB global codes (including antepartum-only codes)
- Pregnancies with first 10-week visit September 1 and after will likely have 3 or less prenatal visits and need to use E/M codes per current CPT® guidelines for antepartum visits less than 4

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