

PROVIDER Update



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Follow California Prenatal Screening Program Process and Use Correct Coding to Avoid Denials

Applies for diagnosis code Z360

Physicians and other providers must use the correct diagnosis code, correct testing codes and a California Prenatal Screening (PNS) Program-contracted lab for prenatal genetic screening to be covered under the PNS program.

For arrangements in which the Division of Financial Responsibility (DOFR) indicates Health Net* holds risk for laboratory services or the codes/services listed in the chart below, Health Net will reimburse the PNS Program under **Tax ID# 94-3402381** and **National Provider Identifier (NPI) 1588712020**. Delegated participating provider groups must continue to follow the terms of their *Provider Participation Agreement (PPA)*, as their risk for such services is not changing. Note, if lab testing is billed through the PNS Program, members are not responsible for cost sharing. **Prior authorization is not required** when referring patients to the PNS Program.

Medi-Cal

For Medi-Cal, the below codes and services are carved out to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) fee-for-service Medi-Cal contract. The DHCS will only reimburse the PNS Program.

Physicians and other providers do not need to do any billing for the PNS Program. The PNS Program invoices the PNS Program fee for cell-free DNA (cfDNA) screening or maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein screening to the patient's health care plan. The PNS Program also provides direct payment to state-contracted cfDNA laboratories. (Previous arrangements between cfDNA laboratories and health care plans will no longer apply.)¹

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Diagnosis code: Z360 (no decimal or additional digits)—Encounter for antenatal screening of mother

Code and description

CPT Code: 81420 Fetal chromosomal aneuploidy (trisomy 13, 18, 21)
or PLA Code: 0327U Fetal aneuploidy (trisomy 13, 18, 21)

CPT Code: 82105 Alpha-fetoprotein, maternal serum

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO:

- Physicians
- Participating Physician Groups
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers
- Community Support (CS) Providers
- Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Providers

LINES OF BUSINESS:

- IFP
 - Ambetter HMO
 - Ambetter PPO
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 - HMO/POS/HSP
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Commercial

When the DOFR indicates Health Net holds risk, Health Net will also reimburse in-network providers other than the California PNS Program for these codes, but **Health Net strongly encourages providers to use the California PNS Program** due to its advantages for providers and members, including:

- **Consolidated genetic screening** (blood tests), genetic counseling, and confirmatory, in-person, invasive diagnostic testing (e.g., chorionic villus sampling).
- **No prior authorization**—prior authorization is not required when referring patients to the PNS Program.
- **No copay**—physicians and other providers must use the PNS Program in order for members on Commercial plans to have no copay for certain services and supplies (e.g., initial testing, subsequent testing and certain follow-up services through PNS Program-contracted providers).

Referrals to PNS Program-contracted labs and ordering supplies for blood draws

The PNS Program referral form, available on the PNS Program website at bit.ly/PNS4Providers > *Information for Providers* under *Forms*, must be used with members referred to a PNS Program-contracted lab for services to be covered under the PNS Program.

To order blood draw supplies and other supplies for members on Commercial plans or Medi-Cal, physicians and other providers must use forms available via the PNS Program website at bit.ly/PNS4Providers > *Information for Providers* > *Ordering Supplies* > *Clinician Offices and Hospitals Supplies Ordering*.

Resources for physicians and other providers

Refer to these resources for more information.²

Resource	Topic	Contact information
PNS Program provider web page	Current PNS Program information, materials and resources for physicians and other providers	bit.ly/PNS4Providers
PNS Program email address	General questions	PNS@cdph.ca.gov
CDPH Billing and Collection Unit	Questions about invoices	800-597-0832

Additional information

Relevant sections of Health Net’s provider operations manuals have been revised to reflect the information contained in this update as applicable. Provider operations manuals are available electronically in the Provider Library, located on Health Net’s provider portal as listed in the right-hand column on page 1.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the applicable Health Net Provider Services Center within 60 days at the phone numbers listed in the right-hand column on page 1.

¹ Information taken or derived from *Prenatal Care Provider FAQ* on the California Department of Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DGDS/Pages/pns/ProviderFAQ.aspx#Q6.

² Information taken or derived from the letter from the CDPH Genetic Disease Screening Program, California Prenatal Screening Program, to all insurers of prenatal health care in California, dated November 22, 2022.