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1. Early Elective Delivery

Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will be implementing an update to our Early Elective Delivery claims reimbursement, effective **November 1, 2017**. This update will align with the notifications from the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) sent to provider on **June 23, 2017** and **August 28, 2017**. Below is a summary of the update from DMS, which Aetna is adopting.

Practitioners will be required to append designated modifiers to the delivery claim and complete the ACOG Patient Safety Checklist (or comparable form) when scheduling an induction of labor or planned cesarean section for deliveries less than 39 weeks gestation.

Induction/delivery claims that are submitted with medical conditions that do not warrant an exception for an induction/delivery prior to 39 weeks gestation will deny payment. The practitioner's claim will fully deny and the hospital's claim will deny for the induction and/or delivery portion.

The policy applies to deliveries on or prior to 38 6/7 weeks of gestation. Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will follow the Joint Commission recommended ICD-10 codes. The Z3A.XX ICD 10 code will be required on the claim to identify gestation age. Modifiers will only be required if they are needed to follow correct coding guidelines.

Claims with dates of service through October 31, 2017 that do not meet this requirement will continue to be paid as normal. All claims submitted for dates of service beginning on or after November 1, 2017 that do not comply with this requirement will be denied.

2. Also as a reminder, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will be hosting provider forums across the Commonwealth throughout October and early November.

Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will be holding three additional forums as a convenience for providers who live in the respective Regions 1, 5, and 8. The purpose of our Provider Forums is to have a **working session** to address provider concerns.

Please register for the Aetna Better Health of Kentucky events hosted in Lexington, Paducah and Pikeville through the online event registration website Eventbrite. Providers are welcome to arrive anytime between 9 am and 2 pm. You will find the links to register below.

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| 2017 Provider Forums | |
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| Date | Location |
| October 13, 2017 | Lexington - Region 5 |
| Friday, 9 am to 2 pm ET | Embassy Suites |
| For Lexington only, register at link below: | 1801 Newtown Pike |
| | Lexington, KY 40511 |
| https://aetnabetterhealthofky-2017-lexington.eventbrite.com | |
| October 18, 2017 | Paducah – Region 1 |
| Wednesday, 9 am to 2 pm CT | Robert E. Cherry Civic Center |
| For Paducah only, register at link below: | 2701 Park Avenue |
| | Paducah, KY 42001 |
| https://aetnabetterhealthofky-2017-paducah.eventbrite.com | |
| October 26, 2017 | Pikeville – Region 8 |
| Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm ET | Hilton Garden Inn |
| For Pikeville only, register at link below: | 849 Hambley Blvd. |
| | Pikeville, KY 41501 |
| https://aetnabetterhealthofky-2017-pikeville.eventbrite.com | |