



Aetna Better Health® of Louisiana

Congenital Syphilis

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana believes that a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery are the foundations for a healthy baby.

This is just a quick reminder about Congenital Syphilis and the importance of screening during pregnancy and at the time of delivery. According to the CDC, cases of Congenital Syphilis have been increasing in recent years with 2023 having the highest confirmed cases since 1994.

Congenital Syphilis can be prevented, and the first step is screening so that treatment can occur as soon as possible. Current recommendations for syphilis screening during pregnancy are as follows:

- Screening at the initial prenatal visit
- Screening during the third trimester
- Screening at time of delivery

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana partners with you to care for your patients and will work hard to outreach and educate pregnant members on the importance of syphilis screening during pregnancy. Aetna also offers the following incentives to our members for completing prenatal care visits.

- \$30 for notification of pregnancy to the plan and completion of an initial prenatal visit
- \$10 for additional prenatal visit
- \$25 for completing a postpartum visit

Questions?

If you have general questions about this communication, please contact our Provider Relations Department:

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