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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

In compliance with [Louisiana Medicaid Professional Services Manual](#), all prenatal outpatient visits must be reported with modifier TH (obstetrical treatment/services, prenatal and postpartum). The modifier is required, as it indicates Evaluation & Management (E&M) obstetrical services rendered in an MD office. Using the TH modifier also ensures that the service is exempted from the adult E&M visit limit.

Office or other outpatient visits (99201-99205, 99211-99215) billed with a pregnancy related diagnosis in the primary or secondary position will be denied when reported without modifier TH (OB treatment/services).

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.