



Important update: temporarily pausing the Perinatal performance period for 2027

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Starting January 1, 2027, maternity care services will transition from global obstetric codes to an unbundled structure through the development of new CPT® codes and the revision or removal of existing ones. The transition represents a major shift in how maternity care services are billed and reflected in claims data. In recognition of the substantial effects these changes will have on the Perinatal episode and performance scoring, the State will temporarily pause the Perinatal episode performance period for the 2027 performance year. Care providers will continue to receive performance reports; no gain-sharing or risk-sharing payments will be issued for 2027.

This pause ensures:

- Fairness during the transition to new CPT structures.
- Prevention of unintended performance discrepancies.
- Continued access to cost and quality insights through episode quarterly provider reports.

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