

Provider notice

To: All Blue Cross Complete providers

Date: Dec. 2, 2025

Subject: Expanded coverage of maternal depression and/or mental health screening

Effective Jan. 1, 2026, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is updating and expanding coverage of maternal depression and/or mental health screenings for individuals up to 12 months postpartum, under [Bulletin MMP 25-55](#), issued Nov. 26, 2025.

Pursuant to Public Act 246 of 2024, Michigan Medicaid covers early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment services, including maternal depression screenings, in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics medical guidelines. The AAP periodicity schedule requires a maternal depression screening is to be performed during each EPSDT well-child visit beginning at one month of age and up to six months of age for a child.

In accordance with PA 246, Michigan Medicaid is expanding coverage to include maternal depression and/or mental health screenings for individuals who have given birth to be conducted at follow-up appointments or well-child visits up to 12 months postpartum.

When a maternal depression and/or mental health screenings is conducted during the child's visit, the service should be reported under the child's Medicaid ID number as it is considered a service rendered for the benefit of the child. The child's primary care provider should bill under the CPT code: 96161. When the maternal depression and/or mental health screenings is performed by a practitioner during a visit for the postpartum individual, in a primary care or obstetric and gynecological setting, the service should be billed under the postpartum individual's Medicaid ID number. In this instance, the practitioner should bill under the CPT code: 96127.

If the child's PCP or other healthcare professional determines that a postpartum individual may need additional mental health resources, the healthcare professional may provide the individual with the following resources:

- Information regarding postpartum mental health conditions and their symptoms;
- Treatment options for postpartum mental health conditions;
- Referrals considered appropriate by the health professionals for the individuals; and
- Any additional support, services, or information considered appropriate by the health professionals to support the individual.

For full details on [Bulletin MMP 25-55](#), go to michigan.gov. * If you have additional questions, contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or the Blue Cross Complete Provider Inquiry at 1-888-312-5713.

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