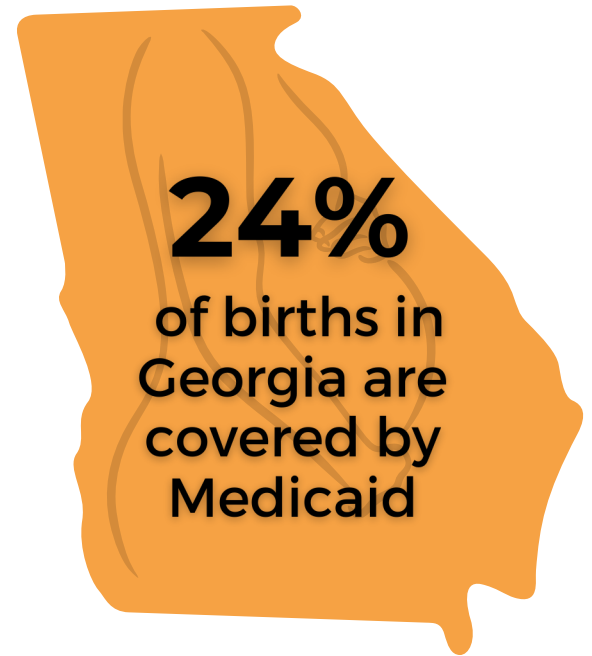


Medicaid Changes Mean More Patients are Eligible and Reimbursement Rates are Higher

Waiting Period Lifted

In **January 2024**, the Georgia Department of Community Health amended the state plan to **remove the 5-year waiting period for Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and children** who are **lawful permanent residents**.



CHANGES TO REIMBURSEMENT



CPT Code	Service	Old Rate	New Rate
59400	Obstetrical care	\$2,217.89	\$2,430.54
59510	Cesarean delivery	\$2,459.70	\$2,707.48
59610	Vbac delivery	\$2,333.54	\$2,553.24
59618	Attempted Vbac delivery	\$2,491.41	\$2,737.18

Eligibility

Presumptive eligibility allows pregnant women to receive care immediately while their application is being processed.

Patients **must apply in person** to receive presumptive eligibility.

After Delivery

Family Medicaid Covers medical care for pregnant women for up to 12 months after giving birth.

Coverage includes specialty care, prescriptions and inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

Tune In

The Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission is meeting now about changes that could impact your practice.

Learn more about meetings at <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission>

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Did you know your Medicaid patients are eligible to receive free blood pressure monitors?

Preventable blood pressure related complications are a **leading cause of maternal injury and death** in Georgia.



Coverage

Patients with elevated blood pressure readings in the provider office are eligible without prior authorization.

Prescription

You can write a prescription for an at-home blood pressure monitor and must include appropriate diagnostic codes.

Monitoring

Provide patient in-office demonstration on using the monitor, give a log sheet, and review warning signs of complications.

CPT Codes



99473 - device validation and calibration and patient education, **one use per device**

99474 - communication of daily readings and treatment plans, **one use per month**

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/hypertension/7-step-self-measured-blood-pressure-smbp-quick-guide>



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