



Workflow Change for Perinatal Billing

Use of Problem List for Perinatal Certification:

Perinatal certification is determined on the backend via the HD modifier.

Currently, the only source from which this modifier can be pulled is the [SmartCare Client Clinical Problem List](#).

To correctly generate the HD modifier, the following code must be entered in the Problem List:

- **SNOMED Code:** 248985009 – Presentation of pregnancy (finding).
- This is linked to **ICD-10 Code:** Z34.90 – Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified.

This is currently the only way SmartCare can recognize a program as perinatal certified and apply the HD modifier accordingly.

Questions & Clarifications:

- **What if our program does not typically serve clients with ‘normal pregnancies’?**

Response: We recognize that not all pregnancies seen in your programs may be considered “normal.” However, the SNOMED code 248985009 – Presentation of pregnancy – is used solely for the purpose of recognizing perinatal certification, not to imply the pregnancy is without complications.

- **Do we need to add this diagnosis to the Diagnosis Document or any other billing areas?**

Response: No. This code only needs to be included in the **Client Clinical Problem List**. There is no requirement to document it elsewhere for billing purposes.

- **NTPs are exempt from using Problem Lists. Are NTPs now required to use them if working with a perinatal client?**

Response: Yes. In order for your program to be recognized as perinatal certified—and to receive proper reimbursement—you must enter the relevant SNOMED or ICD-10 code into the Client Clinical Problem List in SmartCare. We’ve confirmed with CalMHSA that updates to SmartCare functionality are not an option at this time.

- **Which SNOMED code should programs use during the 12-month postpartum period to appropriately apply the HD modifier for perinatal-certified services?**

Response: Per CalMHSA directions at this time, it is advised that programs continue to use the SNOMED code: 248985009 (or Z34.90) in order to pull the HD modifier in the postpartum period.

For more information, contact QIMatters.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov

- How do we create a [SmartCare Client Clinical Problem List](#) and add this code to it?

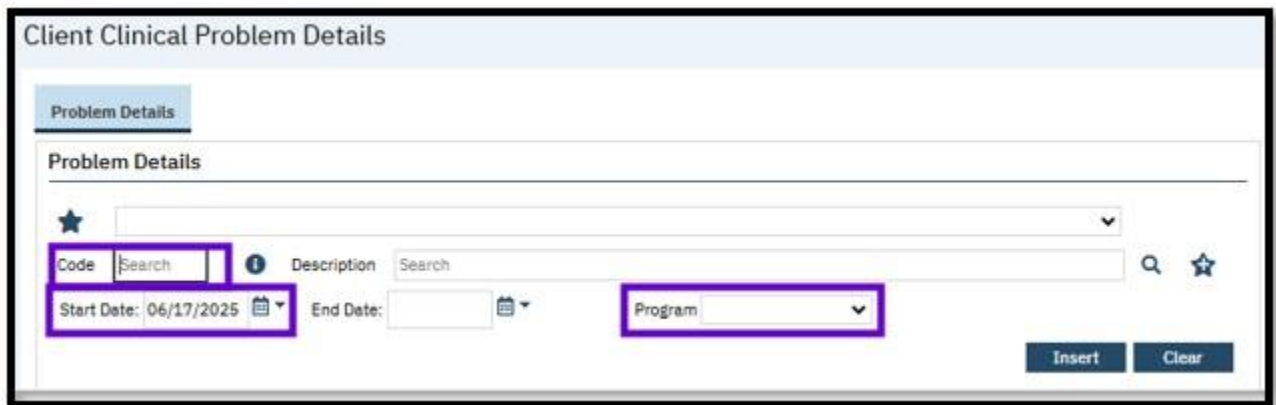
Response: Once a client is open in SmartCare, follow these steps: (See here for the entire process: [SmartCare Client Clinical Problem List](#))

1. In SmartCare, use the “Find” magnifying glass button and type “Client Clinical Problem Details (Client)”



A screenshot of the SmartCare search interface. At the top, there are icons for search, star, and user. Below, a search bar contains the text 'client Cl'. Two results are listed: 'Client Clinical Problem Details (Client)' and 'Client Clinical Problems (Client)', each with a blue bookmark icon to its right.

2. Once the *Client Clinical Problem List* form is open, add a new problem by clicking in the “code” box.



A screenshot of the 'Client Clinical Problem Details' form. The 'Problem Details' section is active. It features a star icon, a dropdown menu, and a search bar. Below these, there are fields for 'Code', 'Description', 'Start Date', 'End Date', and 'Program'. The 'Code' field is highlighted with a purple box. The 'Start Date' field shows '06/17/2025'. The 'Program' field is also highlighted with a purple box. At the bottom right, there are 'Insert' and 'Clear' buttons.

3. Search Code Z34.90, Description Presentation of pregnancy (finding) or SNOMED code: 248985009



A screenshot of the 'Client Clinical Problem Details' form, showing the search results for the code '248985009'. The 'Code' field is highlighted with a purple box. The 'Description' field shows 'Z34.90 - Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester'. A tooltip is visible over the 'Code' field, displaying the SNOMED code '248985009 - Presentation of pregnancy (finding)'. The 'Start Date' field shows 'Z34.90'. At the bottom right, there are 'Insert' and 'Clear' buttons.

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4. Click Insert
 - a. Make sure your Start date is the date that the condition was first documented
 - b. Do not put an end date at this time
 - c. Enter other diagnosis/es
5. Click "Save" (upper right hand corner)

