



Billing and Reimbursement Policy: Obstetrical Guidelines

Key coding and reimbursement points include:

Routine Care:

- Routine care is generally defined as:
 - Initial and subsequent history
 - Physical examination
 - Recording of weight
 - Blood pressure checks
 - Monitoring of fetal heart tones
 - Routine chemical urinalysis
 - Routine visits
 - Management of uncomplicated labor and delivery services, including admission
 - Post partum hospital and office visits following vaginal and cesarean delivery

 - Any high risk visits or visits for an unrelated diagnosis must be billed with supporting diagnosis codes for separate reimbursement to be considered.

 - Obstetrical care is considered included in the obstetrical package from the date that the obstetrical medical record is established.

 - If multiple vendors are reimbursed for routine care, Neighborhood will reimburse up to the total allowed global package amount.

 - Modifiers 25, 57 or 59 may be used to indicate a separately identifiable service.

 - Notes may be requested.

 - This policy applies to place of service 11, 22 and 50.

Obstetrics, Multiple Deliveries

- The types of billing for multiple births will follow the scenarios for twin births. It is important that the determination is based on information regarding the mode of delivery.
 - Both vaginal delivery – Twin A (first born) 59400 and Twin B 59409-51

 - Both cesarean delivery – Only one cesarean section surgical procedure is done; 59510 is billed once



- One birth vaginal and one birth cesarean - 59510 (primary procedure) for cesarean delivery and 59409-51 for vaginal delivery
- If more than twins are delivered, each additional baby is coded by method of delivery with the appropriate modifier.
- Medical complications including hypertension, toxemia, hyperemesis gravidarium, congenital and genetic defects, cardiac or neurological abnormalities should be documented in the record and coded appropriately.
- Modifiers 22 or 25 may be used to indicate a separately identifiable service.
- Notes may be requested.
- This policy applies to place of service 21.

Nutritional Education and Counseling During Pregnancy

- Neighborhood will reimburse for nutritional counseling on the same day as an Evaluation and Management service rendered by the same provider..
- A pregnancy related diagnosis must be billed on the claim.
- Modifiers 25 or 59 may be used to indicate a separately identifiable service.
- Notes may be requested.
- This policy applies to place of service 03, 11, 22 and 50.

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