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Important Provider Notice: #365 – Revised 12/2/19

Subject: New Fetal Ultrasound Frequency Limits Updated - Effective 1/1/2020

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) will be changing the frequency limitations on fetal ultrasounds. All diagnosis restrictions still apply. Service limits on fetal ultrasounds are as follows:

CPT	Frequency Restriction	Notes
76801	1/180 days, same provider	
76805	1/180 days, same provider	
76811	1/180 days, same provider	
76802	4/180 days, same provider	4/day max when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1.
76810	4/180 days, same provider	4/day max when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76812	4/180 days, same provider	4/day max when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76813	1/day	Requires documentation with the claim that states: the physician performing or supervising the ultrasound is credentialed by either the Nuchal Translucency Quality Review Program or the Fetal Medicine Foundation.
76814		Requires documentation with the claim that states: the physician performing or supervising the ultrasound is credentialed by either the Nuchal Translucency Quality Review Program or the Fetal Medicine Foundation. 4/day max when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.

CPT	Frequency Restriction	Notes
76815	1/180 days, same provider	
76816	1/day, w/o modifier 59, any provider	Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76817	2/180 days, any provider	Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1.
76820	2/7 days, any provider	Additional claims may be reimbursed if documentation justifies medical necessity. 5/day maximum when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76821	2/7 days, any provider	5/day maximum when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76825	1/180 days , same provider	5/day maximum when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76827	1/180 days , same provider	5/day maximum when billing for a pregnancy with multiple gestation. Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76826	1/7 days, any provider	Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.
76828	1/7 days, any provider	Must remark number of fetuses in the Remarks Field for counts over 1. Maximum count must equal number of fetuses per day.

Additional information regarding this authorization requirement, please contact the PHC Health Services Department at (707) 863-4100.