



Department of Medicaid

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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Pregnancy-Related Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: **Payment for Multiple-Birth Deliveries (Twins and Triplets)**

Effective January 1, 2017, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has added a provision to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-21-04 that allows additional Medicaid payment for delivery services related to multiple births.

The maximum payment amount for a delivery is the lesser of the provider's submitted charge or an amount specified in appendix DD to rule 5160-1-60 of the OAC determined in the following manner:

- For a single delivery or the first delivery of a multiple birth, it is 100 percent;
- For the second delivery of a multiple birth, it is 50 percent;
- For the third delivery of a multiple birth, it is 25 percent; and
- No payment is made for additional deliveries.

Providers of professional services (specifically, physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and clinics) rendering services related to the delivery of twins and triplets are eligible for the additional payment amounts. Place-of-service multipliers for providers of professional services apply (e.g., payment for services provided by an advanced practice registered nurse in a hospital setting is made at 85 percent of the amount specified in appendix DD).

ODM implemented the additional payments for the following CPT procedure codes: 59409, 59410, 59514, 59515, 59612, 59614, 59620, and 59622. These codes must be reported on separate details (lines) of the claim, with modifier 59 appended to indicate twins, triplets, quadruplets, etc. For example, claim details for triplets would appear as:

1. 59414
2. 59514 59
3. 59514 59

On a claim for multiple-birth deliveries, the date of the first delivery is reported as the date of service, and the most appropriate ICD-10 delivery codes must be included.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid may be accessed through the main webpage at <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Please contact the Medicaid managed care plans for their specific claim submission requirements.

Questions

Questions pertaining to this letter may be directed to the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

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