



Aetna Better Health[®] of Texas

Provider Notification - Prenatal Obstetrical Ultrasound

Effective December 1, 2021, Aetna Better Health of Texas will change the way the following CPT codes will be processed for prenatal obstetrical ultrasound.

The following codes will no longer require prior authorization but instead reimbursed according to the limits and requirements set forth in the attached policy.

PLEASE NOTE: This process may result in a change in how your practice is reimbursed for these services. We urge you to thoroughly review the information in this document and in the attached policy.

As always, do not hesitate to contact your Aetna Better Health of Texas Provider Relations Representative with any questions or comments.
Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,
Provider Experience
Aetna Better Health of Texas

CODE	Description	Normal Risk	High Risk
76801	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (< 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; single or first gestation	1 every pregnancy Greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim to document for instances such as miscarriage	1 every pregnancy Greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim to document for instances such as miscarriage
76802	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, first trimester (< 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; each additional gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	1 every pregnancy If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations	1 every pregnancy If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations

CODE	Description	Normal Risk	High Risk
76805	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester (> or = 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; single or first gestation	1 every pregnancy	1 every pregnancy

76810	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, after first trimester (> or = 14 weeks 0 days), transabdominal approach; each additional gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	1 every pregnancy If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations	1 every pregnancy If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations
76811	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation plus detailed fetal anatomic examination, transabdominal approach; single or first gestation	None	1 every pregnancy Must include high risk pregnancy ICD10
76812	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation plus detailed fetal anatomic examination, transabdominal approach; each additional gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	None	1 every pregnancy Must include high risk pregnancy ICD10 If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations
76813	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal approach; single or first gestation	1 every pregnancy Note ~ not reimbursable if cell free DNA performed in same period (81420, 81422), (0060U, 0126U)	1 every pregnancy Note ~ not reimbursable if cell free DNA performed in same period (81420, 81422), (0060U, 0126U)
76814	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, first trimester fetal nuchal translucency measurement, transabdominal or transvaginal approach; each additional gestation (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	1 every pregnancy Note ~ not reimbursable if cell free DNA performed in same period (81420, 81422), (0060U, 0126U) If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations	1 every pregnancy Note ~ not reimbursable if cell free DNA performed in same period (81420, 81422), (0060U, 0126U) If greater than 1 require medical records submitted with claim documenting number of gestations

76815	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, limited (eg, fetal heartbeat, placental location, fetal position and/or qualitative amniotic fluid volume), 1 or more fetuses	1 every pregnancy	2 every pregnancy when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10 Greater than 2 require medical records submitted with claim
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76816	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, follow-up (eg, re-evaluation of fetal size by measuring standard growth parameters and amniotic fluid volume, re-evaluation of organ system(s) suspected or confirmed to be abnormal on a previous scan), transabdominal approach, per fetus	1 every pregnancy	Up to 5 every pregnancy for high-risk pregnancy ICD 10 reported
76817	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time with image documentation, transvaginal	None	Up to 5 every pregnancy for high risk pregnancy ICD 10 reported
76818	Fetal biophysical profile; with non-stress testing	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76819	Fetal biophysical profile; without non-stress testing	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76820	Doppler velocimetry, fetal; umbilical artery	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76821	Doppler velocimetry, fetal; middle cerebral artery	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76825	Echocardiography, fetal, cardiovascular system, real time with image documentation (2D), with or without M-mode recording;	None	1 every pregnancy Must include high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76826	Echocardiography, fetal, cardiovascular system, real time with image documentation (2D), with or without M-mode recording; follow-up or repeat study	None	1 every pregnancy Must include high risk pregnancy ICD 10
76827	Doppler echocardiography, fetal, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display; complete	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10

76828	Doppler echocardiography, fetal, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectral display; follow-up or repeat study	None	No limit when reported with high risk pregnancy ICD 10
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