

Obstetric Ultrasound

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AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania reimbursement policies and their resulting edits are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), state and federal regulatory agencies, and medical specialty professional societies. Reimbursement policies are intended as a general reference and do not constitute a contract or other guarantee of payment. AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying its policies to services provided in a particular case and may modify its policies at any time.

In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Policy Overview

This policy describes reimbursement limitations for obstetric ultrasounds in processing all claims submitted to AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania.

Consistent with guidelines from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American College of Radiology (ACR), the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU),

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania follows standard indications for reimbursement of obstetric ultrasounds:

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania reimburses up to three obstetric ultrasounds performed in an outpatient setting for pregnancies.
 - Obstetric ultrasounds performed in emergency or inpatient settings and/or that are performed during a high-risk pregnancy are not subject to this limit.
 - One of these may be an ultrasound with detailed fetal anatomic examination for a primary evaluation of fetal anatomic abnormalities, including those due to genetic conditions, and/or evaluation of amniotic band syndrome.
 - Subsequent obstetric ultrasounds during the same pregnancy will not be reimbursed without prior authorization.
- Obstetric ultrasound for the purpose of determining fetal sex or for production of photographic memory keepsakes will not be reimbursed.
- Three-dimensional (3-D) or four-dimensional (4-D) obstetric ultrasounds will not be reimbursed.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania utilizes edits to reinforce the above-mentioned payment limitations on obstetric ultrasounds.

For accurate reimbursement:

- The claim must have a valid procedure code from the CPT/HCPCS code set, effective for the Date of Service (DOS), that accurately describes the obstetric ultrasound performed. All CPT coding guidelines are applicable.
- The claim must have a valid Place of Service (POS) code that accurately describes the setting in which the obstetric ultrasound was performed. Claims for obstetric ultrasound will not be recognized as performed within the emergency or inpatient setting without POS 23 or 21.
- The claim must have the valid diagnosis code(s) from ICD-10-CM Chapter 15: Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium that describe(s) the patient's pregnancy. Claims for obstetric ultrasound without a valid pregnancy diagnosis code will be denied. All ICD-10-CM coding guidelines effective for the DOS are applicable. Because obstetric ultrasounds are performed for different conditions within specific trimesters, pregnancy diagnosis codes without a specified trimester are considered not valid.
 - Claims for obstetric ultrasound will not be recognized as performed for high-risk pregnancy without a valid high-risk pregnancy diagnosis code. Refer to the attached list of ICD-10-CM high-risk pregnancy diagnosis codes, effective for DOS from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026.

Refer to CPT/HCPCS manuals for complete descriptions of procedure codes and their modifiers, and to the ICD-10-CM manual for complete descriptions and guidelines of diagnosis codes.

Definitions

N/A

Edit Sources

- I. Guidelines from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American College of Radiology (ACR), the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM), and the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU).
- II. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), and associated publications and services.
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM).
- V. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Place of Service Codes:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/place-of-service-codes>
- VI. Retired Clinical Policy CCP 8006.02

Attachments

See Appendix A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

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07/2025	Annual Review No major changes
06/2025	Minor updates to formatting and syntax
04/2025	Revised preamble
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08/2023	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
01/2023	Template revised - Preamble revised - Applicable Claim Types table removed - Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines - Associated Policies section added

Appendix A-



High Risk Pregnancy Diagnosis

High-Risk Pregnancy Diagnosis Codes Effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026

O0001	O09812	O1423	O24913	O29192	O30103	O3101X0
O00111	O09813	O1492	O2621	O29193	O30111	O3101X1
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O00119	O09822	O1502	O2623	O29212	O30113	O3101X3
O00211	O09823	O1503	O2631	O29213	O30121	O3101X4
O00212	O09891	O161	O2632	O29291	O30122	O3101X5
O00219	O09892	O162	O2633	O29292	O30123	O3101X9
O0081	O09893	O163	O2641	O29293	O30131	O3102X0
O0091	O0991	O200	O2642	O293X1	O30132	O3102X1
O0901	O0992	O208	O2643	O293X2	O30133	O3102X2
O0902	O0993	O209	O26611	O293X3	O30191	O3102X3
O0903	O10011	O211	O26612	O2941	O30192	O3102X4
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O09212	O10213	O228X1	O26833	O2963	O30221	O3103X5
O09213	O10311	O228X2	O26843	O298X1	O30222	O3103X9
O09291	O10312	O228X3	O26851	O298X2	O30223	O3111X0
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