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MEMO

To: CFHP OB/GYN Providers
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Subject: Changes to our Obstetric Ultrasound Authorization Requirements
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We've heard your concerns and in an effort to work with you, in partnership, to streamline the authorization process, we've made changes to our Obstetric Ultrasound Authorization Requirement as outlined in the Matrix. The changes will go into effect immediately.

A total of any two of the following obstetric ultrasounds will be allowed per singleton pregnancy by a network OB/GYN provider, without prior authorization. Likewise, prior authorization will not be required for multiple gestations that are ordered as indicated on the CPT and as noted below.

76801*	Ultrasound, pregnant uterus, real time image documentation, fetal and maternal evaluation, < 14 weeks, trans abdominal approach; single gestation
76802	Each additional gestation
76805*	Routine ultrasound in the 2 nd trimester > or = to 14 weeks; single gestation
76810	Each additional gestation
76813*	Nuchal Translucency ultrasound exam <i>Authorization Policy notes – Performed from 11 weeks, 1 day to 13 weeks, 6 days of gestation</i>
76814	Each additional gestation
76817*	Transvaginal ultrasound

**In the absence of the clinically indicated ultrasound the ACOG recommendation is, to perform Qty one (1) of 76805 at 18 – 20 weeks gestation.*

Please note:

- 76811 Detailed Ultrasound Exam
Should be referred to a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist
- If two Ultrasound codes are billed on the same day and same service setting the higher code will be paid.
- ER Claims are not counted in the two allowances per pregnancy.
- The Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist have recommended and we have encouraged early referrals to Maternal Fetal Medicine specialists for your high risk members.

In closing, we appreciate your valuable input into our processes and hope this assists with addressing your concerns. We will continue to meet with you on an ongoing basis to address any questions or concerns you may have and appreciate the time you have committed to working with us and our members / your patients.

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