



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Claims for Obstetric Deliveries Requiring Modifier & Restrictions for Cesarean Section, Labor Induction, or Deliveries Following Labor Induction

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Dear Community First Health Plans (CFHP) Physicians and Providers,

Please see the important information below pertaining to CFHP's **Medicaid** and **Childrens Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)** Benefit Programs regarding claims for obstetric deliveries and restrictions for cesarean sections, labor inductions, or deliveries following labor induction.

#### **CLAIMS FOR OBSTETRIC DELIVERS REQUIRE MODIFIER**

Effective October 1, 2011, the benefit criteria for obstetric delivery services will change. Claims that are submitted for obstetric delivery for the following procedure codes will require one of the following modifiers:

**Codes:** 59409, 59410, 59514, 59515, 59612, 59614, 59620, or 59622

#### **Modifiers:**

- U1 - Medically necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation
- U2 - Delivery at 39 weeks of gestation or later
- U3 - Non-medically necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation

**Note:** *Claims for deliveries that are submitted without one of the required modifiers will be denied.*

#### **RESTRICTIONS FOR CESAREAN SECTIONS, LABOR INDUCTIONS, OR DELIVERIES FOLLOWING LABOR INDUCTION**

Effective October 1, 2011, there will be restrictions for any cesarean section, labor induction, or any delivery following labor induction to one of the following additional criteria:

- Gestational age of the fetus should be determined to be at least 39 weeks.
- When the delivery occurs prior to 39 weeks, maternal and/or fetal conditions must dictate medical necessity for the delivery.

**Note:** *Claims for cesarean sections, labor inductions, or any deliveries following labor induction that occur prior to 39 weeks of gestation and are not considered medically necessary will be denied. Records will be subject to retrospective review. Payments made for a cesarean section, labor induction, or any delivery following labor induction that fail to meet these criteria (as determined by review of medical documentation), will be subject to recoupment. Recoupment may apply to all services related to the delivery, including additional physician fees and the hospital fees.*

For more information, please call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or visit the TMHP website for the article posted on July 29, 2011.