

NOTICE:

Update to ICD-10 Codes for Medically Necessary Deliveries Less than 39 Weeks

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Per AHCCCS' Medical Policy for Maternal and Child Health Chapter 400 Policy 410, page 410-1:

“According to ACOG guidelines, cesarean section deliveries must be medically necessary. Inductions and cesarean section deliveries prior to 39 weeks must be medically necessary. Cesarean sections and inductions performed prior to 39 weeks that are not found to be medically necessary based on nationally established criteria are not eligible for payment.”

Health Choice Arizona and Health Choice Integrated Care are providing a reminder to providers that all obstetric deliveries require a diagnosis condition code (ICD-10-CM) to identify the weeks of gestation along with a medical necessity diagnosis code if delivery is <39 weeks gestation. Failure to provide the appropriate codes will result in denial of your claim.

Tips to ensure your claims process timely and accurately:

The following procedure codes 59400, 59409, 59410, 59510, 59514, 59515, 59610, 59612, 59614, 59618, 59620 or 59622 will require appropriate ICD 10 codes. All “O” diagnosis codes in ICD-10-CM require a code from Z3A category, indicating weeks of gestation.

- Please see page 2 for additional contract, billing, and code sheet information.-



Contract Terms and Provisions:

This does not affect your contract with Health Choice Arizona or Health Choice Integrated Care.

Claim Rejections and Denials:

Claims received that are not billed as outlined above will receive an upfront rejection and/or denial. In order to be considered for reprocessing, corrected claims will need to be resubmitted and subject to the timely filing limitations. The timely filing limitations also apply should you go through the appeal process for additional diagnosis other than those indicated on the list attached.

Updated Code Sheet:

An updated sheet of ICD-10 OB Diagnosis Codes can be found on the Provider Notices section of our websites at www.HealthChoiceAZ.com and HealthChoiceIntegratedCare.com. This sheet includes an updated list of diagnoses that meet medically necessary criteria for delivery <39 weeks gestation. This is not an exhaustive list: additional diagnosis may be appropriate with clinical justification. Additional diagnosis consideration will be handled through our appeals process.

