

Obstetric ultrasound authorization clarification

Background: Effective since May 1, 2019, Amerigroup updated the authorization guidance for obstetric ultrasounds to reduce confusion about maternity ultrasounds in the outpatient setting. Three obstetrical ultrasounds per pregnancy are allowed without an authorization. Obstetrical ultrasounds performed in the emergency department, hospital or by a maternal fetal medicine provider will not count toward the three ultrasounds per pregnancy limit.

In addition to the three ultrasounds allowable without prior authorization, Amerigroup policy covers any medically necessary prenatal ultrasound. Please refer to *Clinical Utilization Management Guideline CG-MED-42: Maternity Ultrasound in the Outpatient Setting* for acceptable diagnosis codes at https://medicalpolicies.amerigroup.com/am_search.html.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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