

Reimbursement for early elective deliveries

Attention: Hospitals and birthing centers

To improve birth outcomes for our members and further reduce early elective deliveries (EEDs), effective as of January 1, 2021, any labor and delivery claims are billed with ICD-10 diagnosis code indicating weeks of gestation.

Summary of update

For early elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks of gestation with high-risk diagnosis as the admitting diagnosis (admitting diagnosis code, field 69), please ensure that the high-risk diagnosis is **also** listed as a diagnosis and procedure code qualifier, fields 66 A-Q) on *CMS-1450/UB-04* forms. Placing the high-risk diagnosis in **both** fields allows compliance with the state encounter processing platform. For high-risk diagnoses, please refer to state website at <https://www.njmmis.com> in *Newsletter Vol. 31, No. 24 (Newsletters & Alerts)**.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your assigned Provider Experience associate or call Provider Services at **800-454-3730**.



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* Dahlen, H. M., et al. (2017). Texas Medicaid Payment Reform: Fewer Early Elective Deliveries and Increased Gestational Age and Birthweight. *Health Affairs*, 36 (3), 460-467.