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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Outpatient Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

Effective January 1, 2016

Increasing Coverage of Lactation Services to Outpatient Hospitals

Montana Medicaid has made it a priority to improve the health of the population and reduce preventable causes of poor health.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) specifically recommends coordinated interventions throughout pregnancy, birth, and infancy to increase breastfeeding initiation, duration, and exclusivity. The Department will begin to cover outpatient hospital services for outpatient lactation consults for pregnant/postpartum women.

These services can only be provided in outpatient hospitals and must be performed by non-physician providers. Therefore, these services should be billed by the facility on a UB-04 or 837I as follows:

Procedure Code	Reimbursed Amount	Allowed Units
S9443 Lactation Class, Non-Physician Provider, Per Session	\$15.00 No copay/cost share	1 session per day
S9445 Patient Education, Non-Physician Provider, Individual, Per Session	\$30.00 No copay/cost share	1 session per day

These codes with reimbursement amounts will not be uploaded in the Montana claims system, Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) by January 1, 2016. Therefore, CAHs will be paid their cost-to-charge ratio, and claims will be mass adjusted to the correct reimbursement once the codes are in place.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or 406-442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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