

Group Pregnancy Education Coding Updates

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Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities for MISP

- Speakers will be stopping at key points during today's presentation to answer questions and gather feedback
 - » Please use the chat feature to send questions, or raise your hand and the facilitator will call on you to speak
- Remaining time at the end of the slide deck discussion will be dedicated to additional thoughts and questions
- Questions and feedback can be submitted in writing after the discussion today to MISP@medicaid.ohio.gov

Maternal Infant Support Program (MISP) Umbrella

Phase 1

- PRAF/ROP Reimbursement updates
- Infant Mortality grants to OEI communities

Phase 2

- Group Pregnancy Education services
- Lactation consulting specialty
- Nurse Home Visiting Medicaid reimbursement

Phase 3

- Comprehensive Maternal Care (CMC) program
- Doula services
- Welcome home nurses and providers

Phase 4

- Mom and Baby dyad providers and services
- Extended eligibility for moms with SUD

Group Pregnancy Education Coding

- Updates are part of MISP umbrella
- Goal is to have updated policy and coding effective January 01, 2022
- Currently funded through ODM IM Grants, ODH grants, and ODM service level billing
- Want to ensure no duplication: may require “turning off” some codes for some provider types

ODM's Current Coverage

How does ODM pay for group pregnancy education now?

- ODM set up 4 S codes to pay for services
 - » S9436, S9437, S9444, S9452
 - In CY19, ODM paid for 3700 services to 2100 women for \$30k
- ODM also paid Centering orgs \$4.4M over SFY20-21 to serve 3900 women through Ohio Equity Institute Infant Mortality Prevention Grants

How does ODM pay for group pregnancy education now?

CPT/HCPCS Code	Description	Current providers that may render service	Current rate
S9436	Lamaze class	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital, Community mental health agency	\$48.00
S9437	Childbirth refresher class	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	\$12.10
S9444	Parenting class	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	\$12.10
S9452	Nutrition class	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA)	\$12.10

Coverage of Group Pregnancy Education Services Rendered at an FQHC or RHC

- Covered non-PPS services
 - » Group services do not meet the definition of an FQHC or RHC service or a ‘visit’, which are paid under the PPS
- Group services are paid under an FQHC or RHC’s “clinic” provider number (50)
 - » An FQHC or RHC is required to enroll separately in Medicaid as another type of provider and to use a non-FQHC Medicaid provider number in order to receive separate payment for a service or supply that cannot be claimed as an FQHC service or RHC as defined in rules 5160-28-03.1 and 3.3
- Payment amounts listed in fee schedule
- Covered non-PPS services are not reported on claims for wraparound payments

How does ODM pay for group pregnancy education in an O/P Setting now?

- Procedure codes S9436, S9437, and S9444 group to EAPG 999 – Unassigned
- Procedure code S9452 groups to EAPG 490 – Incidental to Medical Visit or Significant Procedure
- All these procedure codes are covered in the outpatient setting
 - » Will not stop a claim from processing
 - » EAPGs 999 and 490 do not receive separate payment
- Costs associated with these services are included with payable services when ODM determines EAPG relative weights
- Professional services can be billed separately for reimbursement

Other ways group pregnancy providers bill for services

- 9921X – office/outpatient visit
- 99078 – Group educational services (currently not reimbursed by ODM)
- S9447 – infant safety
- S9453 – smoking cessation
- S9470 - prenatal nutritional counseling
- H1002 - prenatal care coordination - every 28 days

(All of these codes are billed with a TH modifier)

ODM's Proposed Changes

Group Pregnancy Education Proposed Changes

- Feedback from stakeholders indicated need for consistent, streamlined, sustainable reimbursement structure for service
- ODM is looking to simplify coding practices and reimbursement structure
- Goal is to increase capacity for and access to this service as part of MISP work to improve maternal and infant outcomes
 - » Initial results from OEI Infant Mortality reduction grants indicate a need for and benefit from this service in promoting health equity
- ODM is seeking feedback on the following:
 - » Fewer billable codes
 - » More uniform reimbursement rates
 - » Updating covered services and provider contracts
 - » Defining evidence-based and evidence-informed services

How is ODM proposing to pay for group pregnancy education in the future?

- **Begin reimbursement for 99078-Group Health Education (currently nonbillable)**
 - » TH modifier to indicate prenatal
 - » \$45 rate per encounter (each encounter must be at least one and half hours)
 - » 12 encounters per pregnancy max
 - » 20 individuals max per group
- Sunset codes S9437, S9444, and S9452, and Lamaze S9436

Who is ODM proposing to provide group pregnancy education?

- Rendering providers
 - » Physicians
 - » Physician assistants
 - » Advanced practice registered nurses
- Billing providers
 - » Physicians
 - » Physician assistants
 - » Advanced practice registered nurses
 - » Professional medical groups
 - » Ambulatory health care clinics (provider type 50)
 - » Federally qualified health care clinics
 - » Rural health clinics
 - » Outpatient hospitals

Policy Impacts

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- Group pregnancy education currently covered under Pregnancy Related Services OAC rule 5160-21-04
- Group antepartum high-risk pregnancy education (the face-to-face presentation by a medical professional to a group of no more than twelve participants excluding partners, spouses, or coaches) in a session that may consist of one or more classes and cover any of five subject areas related to at-risk pregnancy:
 - Childbirth preparation (e.g., Lamaze);
 - Childbirth refresher;
 - Nutrition;
 - Parenting; and
 - Infant safety
- Based on language above:
 - » No change to the rule text is needed to change coding and set new rate
 - » Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) will be published describing covered services and guidance for claim submission

Policy Impacts of Coding Changes

- Payment rates for these services are in Appendix DD to the Medicaid Payment rule (5160-1-60)
 - » New codes/rates will be added for a 01/01/2022 effective date
- Please submit comments to MISP@medicaid.ohio.gov regarding group pregnancy education updates by June 25th
- Future updates will be issued through the MISP listserv and ODM rulemaking process

Next Steps

Upcoming MISP Stakeholder Opportunities

- No pre-registration is required
- Please create a placeholder on your calendar as a reminder
- Visit <https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/INITIATIVES/Maternal-and-Infant-Support> for links to join the meetings

Meeting Name(link to materials)	Date	Time
Group Pregnancy Education	5/26/2021	1PM
Lactation Consulting	6/9/2021	9:30AM
Doula Services	6/23/2021	10AM
Nurse Home Visiting Services	Coming Soon	TBD

Next Steps for MISP

- To join the listserv for MISP notifications, please enter your name and email address in the indicated boxes at our website: <https://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/INITIATIVES/Maternal-and-Infant-Support>
- Sign up for future MISP meetings at the link above.
- MISP updates will be made on a rolling basis through the SFY22-23 biennium
- **Questions and comments can be sent to** [**MISP@medicaid.ohio.gov**](mailto:MISP@medicaid.ohio.gov)

Questions and comments are encouraged!