

Multiple obstetrical ultrasounds

Summary of change

Effective January 1, 2022, Wellpoint will cover obstetrical examination (code 76816) and transvaginal ultrasound (code 76817) performed during the same obstetrical patient encounter when medically necessary.

What is the impact of this change?

When both procedures are reported for the same patient on the same day, the obstetrical examination (code 76816) will be considered the primary procedure and will be reimbursed at 100% of the fee schedule allowed amount. The transvaginal ultrasound will be considered the secondary procedure, and a 50% multiple procedure payment reduction will be applied.

Definitions:

- Obstetrical examination — Code 76816 describes an examination designed to reassess fetal size and interval growth or re-evaluate one or more anatomic abnormalities of a fetus previously demonstrated on ultrasound.
- Transvaginal obstetric ultrasound — Code 76817 describes a transvaginal obstetric ultrasound performed separately or in addition to one of the transabdominal examinations.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Experience representative or call Provider Services at **833-707-0868** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.