

Group Pregnancy Education Coding Updates

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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 services
- Nurse Home Visiting Medicaid reimbursement

Phase 3

- Comprehensive Maternal Care (CMC) program
- Extended eligibility for moms
- Welcome home nurses and providers

Phase 4

- Mom and Baby dyad providers and services
- Doula services

ODM's Current Coverage

How does ODM pay for group pregnancy education now?

- ODM currently covers basic group pregnancy education
 - » 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

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
- 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
- S9447 – infant safety
- S9453 – smoking cessation
- S9470 - prenatal nutritional counseling (if a dietitian was present)
- 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

CPT/HCPCS Code	Description	Current providers that may render service	Current rate	New Rate
S9436	Childbirth prep/Lamaze classes, non-physician	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital, Community mental health agency	48.00	48.00
S9437	Childbirth refresher classes, non-physician	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	12.10	<u>22.50</u>
S9444	Baby parenting classes, non-physician	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	12.10	<u>22.50</u>
S9447	Infant safety (incl CPR) classes, non-physician	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital, Community mental health agency	12.10	<u>22.50</u>
S9452	Prenatal nutrition classes, non-physician	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	12.10	<u>22.50</u>
S9453	Smoking cessation class	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital	12.10	<u>22.50</u>
S9470	Prenatal nutrition counseling, dietician visit	Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), O/P hospital, Community mental health agency	26.62	26.62

Group Pregnancy Education Proposed Changes

- ODM is increasing rates for evidence-informed group pregnancy education services
- ODM is adding POS '99-Other' to all group pregnancy CPT/HCPCS codes
- ODM will cover:
 - » 12 sessions per pregnancy max
 - Each session is at least one hour
 - » 2-20 individuals per group (This does not include spouses and other support persons)

Group Pregnancy Education Proposed Changes

- ODM is adding coverage for evidence-based group prenatal education
 - » 99078
 - TH modifier to indicate prenatal
 - » \$45 rate per encounter (each encounter must be at least one and half hours)
 - » 12 sessions per pregnancy max
 - » 20 individuals max per group
- Must bill an appropriate E&M code for prenatal care for the same individual on the same DOS (99211, 99212, or 99213)

Who is ODM proposing to provide group pregnancy education?

- Rendering providers*
 - » Physicians
 - » Physician's assistants
 - » Advanced practice registered nurses
- Billing Providers
 - » Physicians
 - » Physician assistants
 - » Advanced practice registered nurses
 - » Professional medical groups
 - » Ambulatory health care clinics
 - » Federally qualified health care clinics
 - » Rural health clinics
 - » Outpatient hospitals

*Other licensed practitioners (e.g. registered nurse or dietitian) may perform these services under the supervision of one of the rendering practitioners above

Policy Impacts

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- Group pregnancy education currently covered under Pregnancy Related Services OAC rule 5160-21-04
 - » Changes have been made to the rule text to expand coverage to cover evidence-based AND evidence-informed group prenatal education
 - » Medicaid Advisory Letter (MAL) will be published describing covered services and guidance for claim submission
 - » Appendix DD will be updated to reflect the new codes and rates

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- (b) Group pregnancy education (the face-to-face presentation by a medical professional to a group of two or more participants but no more than twenty participants excluding partners, spouses, or coaches) in a session that may consist of one or more classes. Group pregnancy education provides information utilizing culturally sensitive communication and facilitates family-centered collaboration and support. Group pregnancy education classes will meet the following criteria: and cover any of five subject areas related to at-risk pregnancy:
 - » (i) Cover subjects related to pregnancy, including:
 - (a) Childbirth preparation (e.g., Lamaze);
 - (b) Childbirth refresher;
 - (c) Nutrition;
 - (d) Parenting; and
 - (e) Infant safety; or
 - » (ii) Consist of an evidence-based or evidence-informed curriculum that has been demonstrated to result in improved health outcomes and/or improved health equity for pregnant and postpartum women and their infants.

Policy Impacts

- MISP rule changes will be posted for public comment within the next couple of weeks
- You can find instructions for commenting on our website by visiting:
<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/medicaid/stakeholders-and-partners/legal-and-contracts/legal-and-contracts>

Next Steps

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!