



Update - Changes for Specific Ultrasounds Coming Soon!

Please see details below for denials for specific ultrasounds.

- **Detailed Fetal Anatomical Ultrasound with Evaluation**

According to HAP policy, which is based on the Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, a detailed fetal anatomic exam (76811 or 76812) is not intended to be the routine ultrasound performed for all pregnancies.

Effective December 1, 2021, HAP will only consider an indication-driven examination to be reimbursable for fetal abnormalities.

- **Obstetric Transvaginal Ultrasound with Obstetric Transabdominal Ultrasound**

A transabdominal ultrasound of the pregnant uterus (76801-76812) includes evaluation and documentation of the same structures as a transvaginal ultrasound of the pregnant uterus (76817). Therefore, they represent redundant services. HAP will not pay separately for the transvaginal ultrasound of the pregnant uterus unless there are extenuating circumstances as to why both studies had to be performed.

Effective December 1, 2021, HAP will deny claims for transvaginal ultrasound of the pregnant uterus when billed with transabdominal ultrasounds.

- **Non-obstetric Transvaginal Ultrasound and Non-obstetric Transabdominal Ultrasound**

Pelvic ultrasound (76856 or 76857) and transvaginal ultrasound (76830) evaluate the patient for the same conditions at the same session. Therefore, they represent redundant services. HAP will not pay separately for the pelvic echography, unless there are extenuating circumstances as to why both studies had to be performed.

Effective December 1, 2021, HAP will deny claims for non-obstetric pelvic ultrasounds when billed with transvaginal ultrasounds.

These denials affect all HAP and HAP Empowered lines of business.