

Update on coverage for obstetric ultrasounds

Effective June 12, 2021, we're updating our obstetric ultrasound policy to match the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) updated obstetric ultrasound policy as published in the LDH [Medicaid Services Manual](#).

We'll post updated information in our Care Provider Manual at UHCprovider.com/manuals and the related reimbursement policy at UHCprovider.com/LAcommunityplan > Policies and Clinical Guidelines > [Reimbursement Policies for Community Plan of Louisiana](#).

For obstetrician-gynecologists (OB-GYNs)

- No prior auth or medical necessity review required for up to 3 ultrasounds for each pregnancy
 - CPT® codes 76811 and 76812 are not covered
- For the fourth, and any subsequent, ultrasound
 - Claims can be **filed electronically** when the claim includes a diagnosis code included in our Obstetrics Ultrasound Policy, Professional for Louisiana
 - If the appropriate diagnosis code isn't on the policy list, the health care professional must submit a paper claim to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan with documentation to support medical necessity

For maternal fetal medicine (high-risk OB) health care professionals

- There's no limit for the number of ultrasounds per pregnancy
- This includes claims with CPT codes 78611 and 78612, which are otherwise not covered

Questions? Please contact Provider Services at **866-675-1607**.