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Reporting Abnormal Birth Weight

Dear AmeriHealth Mercy Facility Billing Manager,

The Department of Public Welfare utilizes the medical encounter data supplied by AmeriHealth Mercy to evaluate disease severity and risk of increased medical costs. To support DPW’s efforts, we must ensure that we are reporting the appropriate encounter data for abnormal birth weights; therefore we are requesting that providers bill as follows:

- Please use ICD-9 CM code range 764 – 765.1 as appropriate; or
- Birth weight can be reported through use of Value Code 54 followed by the actual birth weight in grams
 - Birth Weight must be numeric
 - Birth Weight must be a whole number
 - Birth Weight cannot be greater than 4 numeric characters (9999)

Billing Examples:

1. UB-04

If reporting abnormal birth weight through the use of the applicable ICD-9 code, populate field 67.

66	67		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		68
D	764.08																		
X																			
	I		J		K		L		M		N		O		P		Q		

If reporting abnormal birth weight through use of Value Codes, populate fields 39, 40, 41 a, b, c, d – Value Codes and Amounts. Use Value Code 54 – Newborn Birth Weight in Grams.

	39	VALUE CODES	40	VALUE CODES	41	VALUE CODES
	CODE	AMOUNT	CODE	AMOUNT	CODE	AMOUNT
a	54	2134				
b						
c						
d						

2. Electronic Billing

If billing electronically, in addition to reporting the diagnosis code, please report abnormal birth weight in loop 2300, segment HI, with the qualifier BE and the value code “54” in HI01-2 and the newborn’s weight in grams in the monetary amount field - HI01-5.

Please contact Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007 if you have any questions about reporting abnormal birth weights. As always, we thank you for your participation in the AmeriHealth Mercy network, and for your continued commitment to our members.

Sincerely,

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