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Memo

From: Charlotte Stover, Director of Operations
Date: January 1, 2017
Re: Maternity Services: Cesarean Sections (Effective 10/1/2017-Policy Suspended. PEIA will review when Medicaid implements a policy)

Effective 4/1/2017, any Cesarean section, labor induction, or delivery that follows labor induction and that occurs prior to 39 weeks of gestation will be denied if the procedure is not considered to be, and documented as, medically necessary or the result of spontaneous labor.

Physician claims for obstetric delivery will require one of the following modifiers:

- UB-Medically necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation
- UC-Delivery at 39 weeks of gestation or later
- UA-Non-medically necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation

Records will be subject to retrospective review. If a Cesarean section, labor induction, or delivery following labor induction fails to meet the criteria for medical necessity, payments made will be subject to recoupment. Recoupment will apply to the physician charge for delivery.

If you have questions, you may call HealthSmart Benefit Solutions at 1-888-440-7342 or PEIA at 1-888-680-7342.