

**PART II**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**  
**for**  
**PHYSICIAN SERVICES**



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## PREFACE

This manual contains basic information concerning the Physician Services Program and is intended for use by all participating providers and in conjunction with the Part I Policies and Procedures Manual for *Medicaid and Peach Care for Kids*. Part I of any DCH manual outlines the Statement of Participation for participating providers. Part II of any DCH manual outlines the policies and procedures specific to that program as well as the terms and conditions for receipt of reimbursement.

We urge you and your office staff to familiarize yourself with the contents of Part I and Part II of the manual and refer to it when questions arise. Use of the manual will assist in the elimination of misunderstandings concerning program policies, coverage levels, eligibility, and billing procedures that can result in delays in payment, incorrect payment, or denial of payment.

Amendments to this manual will be necessary from time to time due to changes in federal and state laws and the Department of Community Health (the Department), Division of Medical Assistance (Division) policy. Manuals are posted quarterly on the Gainwell Technology web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) and will include any amendments when such amendments are made, if applicable. These postings shall constitute formal notification to providers of any changes or amendments. The amended provisions will be effective on the date of the notice on the manual or as specified by the notice itself. All providers are responsible for complying with the amended manual provisions as of their effective dates.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Georgia's Medicaid/Peach care for Kids program. Your service is greatly appreciated.

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| REVISION DATE | SECTION                                | REVISION DESCRIPTION  | REVISION TYPE                      | CITATION   |
|---------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
|               |  |   | A=Added<br>D=Deleted<br>M=Modified | (Revision required by Regulation, Legislation, etc.) |
| 01/01/2026    | ALL                                    | Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2026, HCPCS/CPT newly added codes, deletions and revisions.   | M                                  | NA   |
| 01/01/2026    | Section 1048 – Pg 67                   | Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) updated to reference language for further clarification regarding specific CPT immunization codes covered under the Health Check program, in conjunction with Vaccines for Children (VFC), refer to the Health Check Services Manual Appendix E, and the Physician Services Manual, Appendix B and C. | M                                  | NA   |
|               |  | <b>2025</b>   |                                    |  |
| 10/01/2025    | Appendix L<br>Appendix E<br>Appendix O | Deleted following radiology codes listed in Appendix L, E & O no longer require Prior Authorization were removed: 54150, 73721, 77322, 77067, 76984, 76987, 76988, 76989, 76883, 77089, 77090, 77091, and 77092.  | Deleted                            | NA   |
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| 07/01/2025    | Appendix E                             | Added codes 64483 and 64484 to Appendix E   | A                                  | NA   |
| 07/01/2025    | 605.9                                  | Modified, section 605.9.4. - No more than eight PAs may provide services under the sponsoring physician at one time (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103 et seq). Revision July 2025.  | M                                  | Regulation, Legislation etc.                         |
| 07/01/2025    | Appendix L                             | Deleted Mammogram Screening code 77067 from Appendix L (Prior Authorization is no longer required)  | D                                  | NA   |
| 04/01/2025    | 926.2.3                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The date of service billed for 95144 - 95170 must match the preparation date.</li> </ul>   | M                                  | NA   |
|               | 926.2.6                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The personnel performing antigen preparation must be a direct employee of the billing provider or of the billing provider's group practice.</li> </ul>   |                                    |  |
| 04/01/2025    | 1035.2                                 | Modified Tobacco Cessation Counseling services codes 99406 and 99407 to include telehealth  | M                                  | NA   |



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|            |            | language.                      |    |    |
| 04/01/2025 | Appendix K | Added code 93356 to Appendix K | A  | NA |
| 01/01/2025 | All        | Added 2025 CPT/HCPCS new codes | A  | NA |
| 10/01/2024 | All        | No Changes                     | NA | NA |
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The revisions outlined in this Table are from October 2024 to current. For revisions prior to 2024, please see prior versions of the policy.

**Physician Services**  
**Chapter 600: Special Conditions of Participation**

**601. Special Conditions**

In addition to the general conditions of participation identified in Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual, Section 105, providers in the Physician Services Program must meet the following conditions:

- 601.1. Each enrolled physician agrees to bill the Division only for services that are rendered by the physician, or for services rendered under the physician's direct supervision. Only necessary and appropriate medical services that meet the following conditions will qualify as services performed under the direct supervision of the physician:
  - 601.1.1. The services must be performed by medical personnel who are authorized by law to perform the service, and who are qualified by education, training, or experience.
  - 601.1.2. The person performing the services must be a salaried employee of the physician, or of the physician's group practice as defined below; physicians may not be billed for the services of independent contractors.
  - 601.1.3. The physician must periodically and regularly review the patient's medical records.
  - 601.1.4. The physician must be immediately available on the site at the time the services are delivered, except as provided in Section 601.9.
  - 601.1.5. A physician may not bill for services rendered by a person not approved to provide that service by Medicaid Policy, or by applicable licensure, certification, or other State or Federal Regulation.
  - 601.1.6. Chapter 900 shall control over language in this section.

The provider must maintain an office, clinic, or other similar physical facility, which complies with local business and building license ordinances. (See Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual, Chapter 100, Section 105, for General Conditions of Participation.)

In a group practice, each physician must enroll separately and bill for services rendered under the rendering provider's own provider number. A group practice is defined as a partnership, a professional corporation, or an assemblage of physicians in a space sharing arrangement in which the physicians each maintain offices, and treatment facilities in a contiguous space. Services performed by non-enrolled physicians in group practice are not covered.

Indiscriminate billing under one physician's name or provider number without regard to the specific circumstances of rendition of the services is prohibited and is grounds for disallowing reimbursement or for recoupment of reimbursement.

**602. Locum Tenens**

Locum Tenens are physicians that temporarily take over the practice when the regular physician(s) are absent for reasons such as illness, vacation, or military, and for the regular physician to bill and receive payment for the locum tenens services as though he/she performed the service. The locum tenens physician generally does not have practice of his/her own and moves from area to area as needed. GA Medicaid locum tenens policy does not apply to mid-levels substituting for regular physician practice. Physicians may retain substitute physicians to take over their professional practices when the regular physicians are absent for reasons such as illness, vacation, and military for the regular physician to bill and receive payment for the locum tenens services as though he/she performed them himself. Payment may be made to a physician for services furnished by the locum tenens if the services are not provided by the substitute physician over a continuous period of more than 60 days. (Rev. 10/2017)

**603. Locum Tenens services are permitted if:**

- 603.1. Medicaid members have arranged or seek to receive the services from the regular physician.
- 603.2. The regular physician pays the locum tenens physician for services provided on a per diem or similar fee-for-time basis.
- 603.3. The locum tenens physician does not provide the visit services to Medicaid patients for a period of time exceeding 60 consecutive days.
- 603.4. The locum tenens physician must be an enrolled Medicaid provider. The locum tenens provider must have a valid Georgia Medicaid provider number.
- 603.5. The regular physician must place the locum tenens physician's provider number on the CMS1500 claim form.
- 603.6. Services provided by locum tenens physician must be identified in the member's medical record held by the regular physician and must be available for inspection.
- 603.7. Reimbursements shall be limited to services the regular physician is entitled to submit.
- 603.8. Any provider who falsely certifies any of the above requirements may be subject to civil and criminal penalties for fraud.
- 603.9. The explanations and limitations contained in subsection 903.3 apply.
- 603.10. A physician covering for another physician shall not be construed as a violation of this chapter. The regular physician must identify the services as locum tenens services.

#### **604. Teaching Physician**

Services provided by a teaching physician, or resident, are eligible for reimbursement when the teaching physician personally furnishes services; or, when a resident in the direct presence of a teaching physician furnishes the services. These services must be furnished in a center located in the hospital outpatient department of a designated teaching hospital, or in another ambulatory care teaching setting. These requirements are not met when the resident is assigned to a physician's office away from the center or home visits. Physician's fee schedule payment is made only when: Revision Oct 2014

- 604.1. Except as indicated in the Primary Care Exception Rule, the teaching physician is present during the key portion of any exam, surgery or procedure for which payment is sought. In the case of surgery or a dangerous or complex procedure, the teaching physician must be present during all critical portions of the procedure and immediately available.
- 604.2. In E/M services, the teaching physician must be present for the portion of the service that determines the level of services billed.
- 604.3. The teaching physician must personally document presence and participation in the services in the patient's record.

#### **605. Primary Care Exception Rule**

The Primary Care Exception Rule enhances residency training by allowing residence independence and allows the physician to bill for services performed by residents without the presence of the teaching physician. The Primary Care Exception Rule applies to Family Practice, General Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Community Health/Preventive Medicine. (Rev. 10/2014).

Reimbursement is available for services furnished by a resident without the direct presence of a teaching physician for evaluation and management codes of lower and mid-level complexity. For the Primary Care Exception to apply, all the following conditions must be met:

- 605.1. Services must be provided in an outpatient department of a hospital or ambulatory care entity where time spent by residents in patient care activities is included in determining reimbursement to a hospital.
- 605.2. Any resident providing service without the direct presence of a teaching physician must have completed more than six months of an approved residency program.
  - 605.2.1. The teaching physician cannot supervise more than four residents at any given time and must supervise the care delivered to members from such proximity as to constitute immediate availability. The teaching physician must have:
    - 605.2.1.1. No other responsibilities at the time of care provided other than supervision of resident education
    - 605.2.1.2. Assumed management responsibility for members seen by the residents

- 605.2.1.3. Ensured the services provided are appropriate.
- 605.2.1.4. Reviewed with each resident during, or immediately after, each visit, the member's medical history, physical examination, diagnosis and record of tests as well as therapies; and
- 605.2.1.5. Documented in each medical record the extent of the teaching physician's participation in the review and direction of services provided.
- 605.2.2. The range of services that may be furnished by residents include the following:
  - 605.2.2.1. Acute care for undifferentiated problems or for chronic care for on-going conditions. The following outpatient E/M codes are acceptable:
    - 605.2.2.1.1. New Patients: 99202, 99203
    - 605.2.2.1.2. Established Patients: 99211, 99212, 99213
  - 605.2.2.2. Coordination of care provided by other physicians and providers.
  - 605.2.2.3. Comprehensive care is not limited by organ system or diagnosis.
- 605.2.3. The patients seen must be an identifiable group of individuals who consider the center to be the continuing source of their health care, and where services are furnished by residents under the medical direction of teaching physicians. Coordination of care provided by other physicians and providers. (Rev. 10/2014)
- 605.2.4. The resident must follow the same approximate group of patients throughout the course of their residency program but are not required to follow the same teaching physicians over any period. (Rev Oct 2014)
- 605.3. The physician shall not bill for adjunctive services provided in a nursing facility unless the service is prescribed by the member's attending and prescribing physician. "Adjunctive services" are any service provided by a physician or licensed practitioner other than the patient's primary care physician who is legally responsible for the medical care of the patient. The attending and prescribing physician's name must appear on the patient's chart. (Rev. 10/2014)
- 605.4. The physician shall bill the Division the lowest price regularly and routinely offered to any group of the public for the same service or item on the same date of service, or the lowest price charged to other third-party payers for the procedure code most closely reflecting the service rendered. The physician shall maintain records on both Medicaid eligible and private paying patients for a minimum of five years to fully ensure

compliance. The physician shall provide the Division, its authorized representative or contractual agents, with information requested regarding fees at no charge. (Rev Oct 2014)

- 605.5. The physician shall not bill any services performed by an independent laboratory or freestanding diagnostic facility. A freestanding diagnostic facility is a facility that is independent of both the attending physician and the consulting physician, of a hospital which meets at least the requirements to qualify as an emergency hospital. A laboratory, x-ray, or freestanding diagnostic facility that is not located in a physician's office or hospital (example: independent diagnostic facility) is presumed to be independent unless written evidence establishes that it is owned by the billing physician or a hospital and at a minimum meets the definition of an emergency hospital. Services performed by a physician in an independent facility shall not be reimbursed through the physician program unless any one of the following conditions applies: (Rev. 10/ 2014)

- 605.5.1. Any documented ownership in the practice
- 605.5.2. Any documented cost associated with a lease of the radiology or diagnostic equipment
- 605.5.3. Any documented contractual agreement for radiological or diagnostic services between the physician rendering professional services and owners of the equipment; or
- 605.5.4. Any documented concession agreement allocating costs of the equipment or practice to the physician. Example: An employer-employee relationship when the physician is a full-time employee of the facility that owns and operates the equipment and performs radiology services as part of an employment agreement may satisfy this requirement.

At least one of the above criteria must be met for the provider to bill the technical or global components of a procedure. Regardless of the above criteria, the professional component, indicated by use of the 26 can be billed if the provider is enrolled in the proper Medicaid category of service to deliver these services.

A physician providing clinical laboratory, x-ray, and certain diagnostic services for the patient of another physician is not considered to be a consulting physician. A laboratory, x-ray, or freestanding diagnostic facility that is not located in a physician's office or hospital is presumed to be independent.

- 605.6. The physician agrees to cooperate with the appropriate guidelines of other Medicaid service programs adjunctive to Physician Services.
- 605.7. The physician shall immediately notify the Division's Provider Enrollment Unit in writing of any changes in enrollment status that occur, including but not limited to a new address or telephone number; additional practice locations; change in payee; closure of any individual practice; dissolution of a group practice causing any change in the Division's records; and voluntary termination from the Program. Each notice of change must include the date when the change became effective.

- 605.8. The physician shall bill the Division for the procedure code that best describes the level and complexity of the service rendered and shall not bill under separate procedure codes for services that are included under a single procedure code.
- 605.9. The physician shall not bill for services provided by a physician's assistant unless all the following conditions are met:
- 605.9.1. The physician's assistant is licensed by the Georgia Board of Medical Examiners.
  - 605.9.2. The physician's assistant is be associated with one or more sponsoring physicians on file with the Georgia Composite Medical Board.
  - 605.9.3. Services provided by the physician's assistant shall be billed under their own assigned provider number. The physician's assistant shall not be billed under the provider number assigned to the physician.
  - 605.9.4. No more than eight PAs may provide services under the sponsoring physician at one time (O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103 et seq). Revision April 2013, Revision July 2025.
  - 605.9.5. The PA's current job description must be signed by the sponsoring physician.
  - 605.9.6. Only medical services authorized in the PA's job description are billable to Medicaid by PAs.
  - 605.9.7. The physician shall be readily available for supervision and shall be responsible for follow-up care. Readily available is defined as available by telecommunications (phone, pager, and telemedicine video), or in the facility.
  - 605.9.8. All entries to the medical record must be co-signed and dated by the supervising physician within seven days. Rev. Oct 2014
- 605.10. To bill for services provided in Remote Practices Sites, the following criteria shall be met:
- 605.10.1. The 'remote site' shall be designated as such by the Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB). The 'remote site' designation is associated with the physical facility location, and not with the provider, and a separate enrollment is necessary for each approved site. A copy of the GCMB designation of a remote site is required for each provider enrolling for remote site or location.
  - 605.10.2. The remote site must qualify as a principal office where the supervising physician regularly sees patients. Principal offices shall mean an office, clinic, or facility maintained by the supervising physician for the purpose of providing primary care services and where the supervising physician is physically present for at least 25% of the time the site is open for patient care or calls. (Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified

Health Centers are not considered Remote Practice Sites. Services provided in these settings are not reimbursable under the Physician Services category of service.) A supervising physician may qualify more than three offices or practice settings as principal offices.

- 605.10.3. The supervising physician must be available for supervision at the remote site as needed and shall be immediately available to the physician assistant for consultation and supervision either in person or via telecommunication. The supervising physician must be physically present to review patient records and to personally provide patient care at the remote site as needed and at a minimum of at least twice weekly. The supervising physician must provide patient medical record review (via telecommunications) daily. All entries to the medical record must be co-signed by the supervising physician within seven business days.
- 605.10.4. Any patient seen on a regular basis by a physician's assistant shall be scheduled to be seen by the supervising physician at routine intervals as deemed necessary in the setting and as outlined in the physician application and proposed job description as submitted to the GCMB. Reimbursement of Evaluation and Management (E/M) services are limited to the level of service authorized by the GCMB in the appropriate primary care job description.
- 605.10.5. A predetermined plan for the initial management and referral of emergencies must be established for each individual site and approved by the GCMB.
- 605.10.6. The sponsoring physician bears full liability and responsibility for the PA, including but not limited to billing for services rendered.
- 605.11. The Physician and Physician Assistant shall not bill the Division for services rendered that are reimbursable under the programs below:
  - 605.11.1. Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or,
  - 605.11.2. Community Mental Health Program
- 605.12. The physician shall not bill for psychiatric services provided to members who reside in Therapeutic Residential Treatment facilities. All psychiatric services, including but not limited to testing, interviewing, consulting family therapy, group therapy, and somatic therapy, are included in the Therapeutic Residential Treatment program and are not separately billable to the physician program.
- 605.13. The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) provide inpatient, comprehensive mental health and substance abuse treatment services for individuals under the age of 21 and who, due to severe emotional disturbance or substance abuse, need quality active treatment that can only be provided in an inpatient setting, and for whom alternative, less restrictive forms of treatment have not been successful or are not medically indicated.



## **Chapter 700: Special Eligibility Conditions**

### **705. Special Eligibility**

There are no special eligibility conditions for physician diagnostic and treatment services. Other services available to members include but are not limited to: Health Check (EPSDT) services for members under the age of twenty-one, hearing aids, durable medical equipment, non-emergency transportation, refractive services.

## **Chapter 800: Prior Approval - Hospital Pre-Certification**

### **805. Services That Require Prior Approval or Hospital Pre-Certification**

Many procedures or services performed in the hospital or ambulatory surgical center setting require both prior approval and hospital pre-certification. The information provided in this Section provides guidance in determining when prior approval or pre-certification is needed. Services for members under the age of twenty-one years of age will require hospital pre-certification or prior approval. The procedures for obtaining prior approval in Section 802. The procedures for obtaining hospital pre-certification are contained in Section 803. See Appendices E, L, and O for specific procedures. Appendices E, L, and O are subject to change without notice.

### **806. Prior Approval**

As a condition of reimbursement, the Division requires certain services or procedures to be approved prior to the time of rendering. Prior approval pertains to medical necessity only; the patient must be Medicaid-eligible at the time the service is rendered. See Appendix E for a list of procedures requiring prior approval. (Rev 10/2011).

The Division may require prior approval of all, or certain procedures performed by a specified physician or group of physicians based on findings or recommendation of the Division, its authorized representatives or agents, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or applicable State Examining Boards. This action may be invoked by the Georgia Department of Community Health Commissioner as an administrative recourse in lieu of, or in conjunction with, an adverse action described in Chapter 400. In such instances, the Division will send written notice and the grounds for this action to the provider.

Prior Approval for pregnancy related ultrasounds is required after the first ultrasound, or in some cases, prior to rendering the service. Refer to Appendices E, L, and O for detailed information regarding specific procedures that require prior approval before services are rendered. Physicians should seek prior approval on any service for which reimbursement might be questionable. The ordering physician is responsible for obtaining Prior Approval. Failure to obtain prior approval shall result in denial of payment to all providers billing for services including the facility. (Rev.10/ 2011)

### **807. Procedures for Obtaining Prior Approval**

The physician is responsible for obtaining prior authorization before rendering the service. Requests for prior approvals may be submitted online via the Web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).

A request for prior approval must be submitted at least one week prior to the planned procedure. Procedures performed prior to receipt of an approved request may risk denial of reimbursement. Failure to obtain required prior authorization shall result in denial of reimbursement.

Reimbursement is contingent on patient eligibility at the time services are rendered. All approved requests are effective for ninety days from the date of approval unless an extension is requested and approved.

If an assistant surgeon is utilized, the assistant surgeon must also have a separate prior approval number and must use the separate prior approval number of the claim billed per Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual. Reimbursement for services is

contingent on the provider's enrollment in the Medicaid program, the patient's eligibility at the time services is rendered, and compliance with all other applicable policies and procedures. (Rev Oct 2014)

Prior approval is not required for obstetrics.

**808. Hospital Pre-certification**

All inpatient hospital admissions require pre-certification, apart from routine deliveries. The admitting physician is responsible for obtaining the pre-certification of the hospital admission. The physician's failure to obtain the pre-certification number shall result in denial of payment to all providers billing for services, including the hospital and the attending physician. When a procedure requiring prior notification is performed in a hospital inpatient setting, hospital outpatient setting, or an ambulatory surgical center, the pre-certification number issued will be referred to as a pre-certification number not as a prior approval. Procedures performed in the office setting do not require pre-certification.

A prior authorization may be required in addition to the pre-certification required for all inpatient admissions and certain outpatient services. Rev. Sep 2011

A request for pre-certification should be initiated at least one week prior to the planned admission or procedure. Approval is valid for ninety days from the date of issuance. Rev. Jun 2009, Oct 2014

Hospital admissions exceeding ninety days require recertification within three calendar days prior to the ninetieth day of the continued stay.

Failure to obtain recertification within the three calendar days of the ninetieth day will result in denial of the continued stay. No recertification will be granted for any part of the continuous stay if the request for recertification is received after the ninetieth (90th) day. The physician's failure to obtain the correct precertification number shall result in denial of payment. Precertification and recertification may be requested by contacting the Gainwell Technology PA/UM online via the web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) or via telephone at 1(800) 766-4456.

Emergency outpatient services, vaginal or C-section deliveries, and members who have Medicare Part A are not subject to hospital pre-certification.

Appendix O provides detailed information regarding specific outpatient procedures that must be certified prior to the time rendered. Urgent outpatient procedures performed because of a condition which if not treated within 48 hours would result in significant deterioration of the member's health status must be certified within thirty calendar days of the date of the procedure.

Failure to obtain the required certification will result in denial of reimbursement.

**809. Procedure for Obtaining Hospital Pre-certification.**

Pre-certification is required for all inpatient hospital admissions (except for routine procedures performed in an outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center setting). Emergent admissions or surgical procedures and all hospital transfers must be certified within thirty calendar days of admission. Certification acknowledges only the medical necessity and appropriateness of the setting and does not guarantee reimbursement. (Rev. 10/ 2014)

Requests should be initiated at least one week prior to the planned admission or procedure. Approval is valid for ninety days from the date of issuance. Requests for pre-certifications may be submitted online via the Web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).

In accordance with Policies and Procedures for Medicaid Peach Care for Kids Part 1 Manual, Section 202, when an individual is made retroactively eligible, requests for pre-certification must be received within six months from the month of determination of retroactive eligibility. Additionally, when members are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, and the Medicare benefits are exhausted, requests for certifications must be received within three months of the month of notification of exhaustion of benefits. For patients later be determined retroactively eligible for Medicaid, Gainwell Technology must be contacted in advance for a reference number, which will be valid for ninety days. If the patient receives retroactive Medicaid eligibility, providers must continue the pre-certification and prior approval process, providing all required forms and documentation. Please note that obtaining a reference number prior to service provision does not guarantee approval for the requested services as the procedures still will be required to meet medical criteria.

For determining timeliness of pre-certification update requests, if pre-certification has been obtained or is not required for an outpatient procedure, and during the procedure, it is determined that additional or a different procedure is necessary, the additional or different procedure should be considered an urgent procedure. The request for an update of the pre-certification file will be considered timely if received within thirty days of the date of the procedure.

For determining the timeliness of pre-certification update requests, if pre-certification has been obtained for an outpatient procedure and after the procedure has been performed, it is determined that inpatient services are necessary, the admission should be considered an emergency. The request for an update of the pre-certification file will be considered timely if received within thirty days of the date of the admission.

#### **810. Procedures for Obtaining Prior Approval for Pharmaceuticals**

Approved injectable drugs listed on the Providers Administered Drug List (PADL) do not require pre-certification, unless indicated by the PA symbol. A request for injectable drugs must be submitted via the web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov). The request must include applicable clinical information and the corresponding ICD-10 diagnosis code, CPT or HCPCS code 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) number. Requests that are incomplete may be delayed or denied for insufficient information. (Rev Jul 2012)

Failure to obtain prior authorization shall result in denial of reimbursement. Providers should not obtain injectable drugs for administration in the office setting through outpatient pharmacy program and written prescriptions. For information regarding outpatient pharmacy prior approvals refer to the Pharmacy Services manual located at web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)

#### **811. Prior Approval: Office or Nursing Home Visits**

Requests for prior approval for more than ten (10) office or nursing home visits per calendar year for one member may be made if additional visits are medically necessary. Medically necessary visits include life-threatening situations and situations involving serious acute or serious chronic illnesses. (Rev Jan 2016)

The attending physician must forward a Prior Approval Form DMA 81 containing:

- 811.1. The member's name and Medicaid number,
- 811.2. The diagnoses of the member,
- 811.3. Explanation of medical necessity for more than ten (10) visits per year, and
- 811.4. The physician's signature (physician's stamps are not acceptable over a typed address).

Approved requests are valid through December 31 of the approval year. The approval form must be retained in the provider's records for the length of time specified in the Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual.

## **812. Procedures for Obtaining Pre-certification for Transplants.**

Requests for approval of coverage of transplants should be submitted online via the web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).

Prior approval and pre-certification accompanied by medical records must be received for review prior to rendering a transplant. Records must be current, and must include medical history, pertinent laboratory findings, x-ray and scan reports, social history and test results that exclude viremia, and justify the medical necessity of the transplant. Rev Jul 2009

Transplant procedures and related services must be approved prior to the time that services are rendered, regardless of age. These services cannot be approved retroactively. The members must be eligible at the time services are provided.

Physician services in connection with the acquisition of tissue or an organ from a living donor for transplant in an eligible member are considered as services for the treatment of the member and are covered as such, although the donor may or may not be Medicaid eligible.

If approval is given for the transplant procedure, a pre-certification number will be assigned.

## **Chapter 900: Scope of Services**

### **908. General**

Federal regulations allow the state agency to place appropriate limits on medical necessity and utilization control. The Division has developed reimbursement limitations to ensure appropriate utilization of funds. These limitations consist of (a) prior approval requirements described in Chapter 800 and in Appendix E, (b) service limitations described in Section 903, (c) service restrictions described in Section 904, (d) non-covered procedures described in Section 905, and (e) eligibility limitations described in Chapter 700.

### **909. Coding of Claims**

Coding of both diagnoses and procedures is required for all claims. The coding schemes acceptable by the Division are the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification ICD-10-CM for diagnoses and the CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) for procedures.

### **910. Division**

Not all codes from these coding schemes are accepted by the Division, and certain modifications to the CPT coding scheme have been made. These are discussed in the following Sections.

42 CFR 456.3 requires the Division to “safeguard against unnecessary or inappropriate use of Medicaid services and against excess payments.” The Division utilizes a claims adjudication system that encompasses edits and audits to facilitate the Federal mandate. The claims adjudication system’s exceptions used are based on nationally accepted standards, including but not limited to the American Medical Association’s CPT guidelines, National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) standards and publications, and other related medical literature and proprietary software.

### **911. ICD-10-CM**

Codes deleted from previous editions of the ICD are not accepted by the Division. The provider must select the diagnosis codes from the ICD 10 CM which most nearly describes the diagnosis of the patient.

In coding the diagnosis on your claims, the code must be placed on the claim form using the identical format (including the decimal point) as shown in the ICD 10 CM codes (example: I11, I11.0 and I11.9). Coding must be to the lowest level.

It is the responsibility of the laboratory to obtain the member’s diagnosis from the prescribing practitioner at the time the referral is made.

### **912. CPT**

The physician must select the procedure code that most closely describes the procedure performed. The following modifications and instructions apply to all physician claims. Professional services should be billed on the Health Insurance Claim Form (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services CMS 1500, version 02/12). Refer to Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part

1 Manual.

912.1. Code deleted from previous editions of the CPT is not reimbursable.

912.2. Codes for “Unlisted Procedures” are not reimbursable.

912.3. Modifiers for clarifying circumstances are accepted by the Division, located at the end of this section. All modifiers are subject to post payment review.

### **913. Appeals (Electronic Submissions)**

To check the status of a claim or require assistance with a billing problem, contact the Gainwell Technology Provider Inquiry line on 1-800-766-4456. Rev Jul 2009, Mar 2018

For assistance with resolving denied claims with explanation of benefit (EOB) codes (e.g., timeliness or conflict with another claim and/or payment inquiries), submit a completed DMA520 form electronically to Gainwell Technology at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) within thirty (30) days of the denial. Follow the appeals process and deadlines in Chapter 500, section 502, of the Policies and Procedures for Medicaid Peach Care for Kids Part 1 Manual for additional information.

For claims requiring clinical review for medical necessity, submit electronically those requests via the medial review web portal ([www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)) for medical reviews/provider inquiry form (DMA-520A). (Rev. 10/2009)

913.1. Once the electronic inquiry is submitted, an inquiry number will be generated. The provider will have the ability to view the medical review decision via the web portal.

913.2. Only one DMA 520A form may be used per inquiry. All data fields must be completed.

913.3. Providers can electronically attach and download the supporting documentation at the time of the inquiry request.

913.4. All provider inquiries and appeals for clinical review and reconsideration that are faxed or mailed (DMA-520A) will not be accepted and will be discarded.

913.5. Mailed DMA-520A provider inquiries and appeals will not be accepted and will be discarded.

913.6. Refer to Chapter 500, section 502, of the Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual for additional appeals information.

### **914. General Claims Submission Policy for Ordering, Prescribing, or Referring (OPR) Provider**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires physicians and other eligible practitioners who order, prescribe, and refer items or services for Medicaid beneficiaries to be enrolled in the Georgia Medicaid Program. CMS expanded the claim editing requirements in § 1833(q) of the Social Security Act and the providers definitions in §1861-r and §1842(b) (18) C to align with the PPACA. (Rev. 04/2014)

To comply with the PPACA, claims for services that are ordered, prescribed, or referred must indicate the ordering, prescribing, or referring (OPR) practitioner. The Division will utilize an

enrolled OPR provider identification number verify Georgia Medicaid enrollment. Any OPR physician, or other eligible practitioner, who are not enrolled in Medicaid as participating (i.e., billing) providers must enroll separately as OPR Providers. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the OPR Provider must be included on the claim submitted by the rendering provider. If the NPI of the OPR Provider denoted on the Georgia Medicaid claim is associated with a provider who is not enrolled in the Georgia Medicaid program, the claim will be denied.

Effective 1 April 2014, the Division will check claims for the NPI of all ordering, prescribing, and rendering providers in accordance with the OPR regulation. This edit will be informational until 1 June 2014. Effective 1 June 2014, inclusion of the ordering, prescribing and referring information will become mandatory. Claims that do not contain the required information will be denied.

914.1. For CMS-1500 claim form:

Enter qualifiers to indicate if the claim has an ordering, referring, or prescribing provider to the left of the dotted line in box 17 (Ordering = DK, Referring = DN or Supervising = DQ).

914.2. For claims entered via the web:

Claims headers were updated to accept ordering or referring Provider ID and name for Dental and Institutional claims and the referring provider's name for Professional claims. The claim details were updated to accept an ordering or referring provider ID and name. Utilize the "ordering" provider field for claims that require a prescribing physician.

914.3. For claims transmitted via EDI:

The 837 D, I, and P companion guides were updated to specifically point out the provider loops that capture the rendering, ordering, prescribing, referring and service facility provider information that is now used to transmit OPR information.

The following resources are available for more information:

914.3.1. Access the Division's DCH-I newsletter and FAQs at:  
<http://dch.georgia.gov/publications>

914.3.2. Search to see if a provider is enrolled at:  
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>

914.3.2.1. Choose the 'Provider Enrollment/Provider Contract Status' option. Enter Provider ID or NPI and provider's last name.

914.3.3. Access a provider listing at:  
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>



**915. Accepted Modifiers**

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| 22 | Increased Procedural Services: When the work required to provide a service is substantially greater than typically required, it may be identified by adding modifier 22 to the usual procedure code. Documentation must support the substantial additional work and the reason for the additional work (i.e., increased intensity, time, technical difficulty of procedure, severity of patient's condition, physical and mental effort required). This modifier should not be appended to an E/M service.   |
| 23 | Unusual anesthesia.  |
| 24 | Unrelated Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During a Postoperative Period: The physician may need to indicate that an evaluation and management service was performed during a postoperative period for a reason(s) unrelated to the original procedure.   |
| 25 | Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service: The physician may need to indicate that on the day a procedure or service identified by a CPT code was performed, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service above and beyond the other service provided or beyond the usual preoperative and postoperative care associated with the procedure that was performed.  |
| 26 | Professional Component: Certain procedures are a combination of a physician component and a technical component. When the physician component is reported separately, the service may be identified by adding modifier <u>26</u> to the usual procedure number.  |
| 50 | Bilateral Procedure: Unless otherwise identified in the listings, bilateral procedures that are performed at the same operative session should be identified by adding the modifier 50.  |
| 52 | Reduced Services: Under certain circumstances a service or procedure is partially reduced or eliminated at the physician's discretion. Under these circumstances the service provided can be identified by its usual procedure number and the addition of the modifier <u>52</u> signifying that the service is reduced.   |
| 53 | Discontinued procedure.  |
| 54 | Surgical Care Only: When one physician performs a surgical procedure, and another provides preoperative or postoperative management.   |
| 55 | Postoperative Management Only: When one physician performed the postoperative management, and another physician performed the surgical procedure.  |
| 56 | Preoperative management only.  |
| 57 | Decision for Surgery: An evaluation and management service that resulted in the initial decision to perform the surgery may be identified by adding the modifier 57 to the appropriate level of E/M service.   |
| 58 | Staged or Related Procedure or Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional: During the Postoperative Period: The physician may need to indicate that the performance of a procedure or service during the postoperative period was (a) planned prospectively at the time of the original procedure (staged); b) more extensive than the original procedure; or c) for therapy following a diagnostic surgical procedure. This circumstance may be reported by adding modifier 58 to the staged or related procedure.<br><br>The modifier is not used to report the treatment of a problem that requires a return to the operating room. See modifier 78. |
| 62 | Two Surgeons: When two surgeons work together as primary surgeons performing distinct part(s) of a single reportable procedure, each surgeon should report his/her distinct operative work by adding modifier 62 to the procedure.   |
| 77 | Repeat Procedure by Another Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional.   |

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| 78 | Unplanned Return to the Operating Room by the same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Following Initial Procedure for a Related Procedure During the Postoperative Period: Used to indicate that another procedure was performed during the postoperative period of the initial procedure. When this subsequent procedure is related to the first, and requires the use of the operating room, it may be reported by adding modifier 78 to the related procedure. |
| 79 | Unrelated Procedure or Service by the Same Physician by the same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional During the Postoperative Period: The provider may need to indicate that the performance of a procedure or service during the postoperative period was unrelated to the original procedure. This circumstance may be reported by using modifier 79.  |
| 80 | Assistant Surgeon: Surgical assistant services may be identified by adding the modifier 80 to the usual procedure number.  |
| AA | Anesthesia services rendered by an Anesthesiologist.   |
| FQ | Audio-only service   |
| FR | Two-way a/v dir supervision  |
| FS | Split or shared e/m visit  |
| FT | Split or shared e/m visit  |
| FX | X-Ray taken using film.  |
| GQ | Must be used in conjunction with the appropriate codes for Telemedicine following full implementation of HIPAA compliance (see “Telemedicine Consultations.”)  |
| GT | Must be used in conjunction with the appropriate codes for Telemedicine following full implementation of HIPAA compliance (see “Telemedicine Consultations.”)  |
| Q1 | Clinical Research  |
| QK | Medical direction of 2, 3, or 4 concurrent anesthesia procedures involving a qualified individual, CRNA’s or PAAA’s, by an anesthesiologist.   |
| Q6 | Service furnished by Locum Tenens Physicians   |
| QX | Medically directed salaried employee of Anesthesiology.  |
| QY | Medical direction of anesthesia procedure involving a qualified individual [CRNA’s] or [PAAA’s] by anesthesiologist.   |
| QZ | Non-medically directed, self-employed.   |
| TC | Technical Component: Under certain circumstances, a charge may be made for the technical component alone. Under those circumstances, the technical component charge is identified by adding modifier 'TC' to the usual procedure number.<br><br>Technical component charges are institutional charges and not billed separately by physicians.   |
| UN | Portable x-ray (two patients served)   |
| UP | Portable x-ray (three patients served)   |
| UQ | Portable x-ray (four patients served)  |
| UR | Portable x-ray (five patients served)  |
| US | Portable x-ray (6 or more patients served)   |

## 916. Coding Modification and Service Limitations

The services or groups of services in this Section are covered with limitations. If a physician has medical justification for exceeding a service limitation, the medical justification should be documented and available to the Division upon request. Lack of documentation and justification will be grounds for denial or reduction of reimbursement, or recoupment of reimbursement.

**917. Charts and Records**

The physician must maintain legible, accurate, and complete charts and records to support and justify the services provided. A chart is a summary of essential medical information on an individual patient. A record is a date report supporting the claim submitted to the Division for services provided in an office, home, nursing facility, hospital, outpatient, emergency room, or other place of service. A record of service must be entered in chronological order by the practitioner who rendered the service. For reimbursement purposes, such records shall be legible and shall include at a minimum, the following information:

- 917.1. Date of service
- 917.2. Patient's name and date of birth
- 917.3. Name and title of person performing the service.
- 917.4. Chief complaint or reason for such visit
- 917.5. Pertinent medical history
- 917.6. Pertinent findings on examination
- 917.7. Medications, equipment, or supplies prescribed or provided.
- 917.8. Description of treatment (when applicable)
- 917.9. Recommendations for additional treatment, procedures, or consultations
- 917.10. X-rays, tests, and results
- 917.11. Plan of treatment, care, and outcome

The original handwritten personal signature, initial, or electronic signature of the person performing the service must be on the patient's medical records within three months of the date of service. This includes, but is not limited to, progress notes, radiological, and laboratory reports for each date of services billed to the Division. A signature on the super bill does not satisfy this requirement. Medical record entries without specified signature can result in recoupment of payment. All medical records must be written in Standard English Language. Records must be available to the Division or its agents, and to the U.S. Division of Health and Human Services, on request. Documentation must be timely, complete, and consistent with the bylaws and medical policies of the office or facility where the service is provided.

**918. Anesthesia Services**

**Note:** Please refer to the Schedule of Maximum Allowable CPT Anesthesia Base Units for further clarification regarding anesthesia services.

**919. Antigen Therapy**

The Division reimburses for allergy services that are performed to determine a member's immunologic sensitivity or reaction to allergens for the purpose of identifying the cause of the allergic state. Allergy skin testing is a clinical procedure that is used to evaluate an immunologic

response to allergenic material. The Division considers specific allergy testing and allergy immunotherapy medically necessary for members with clinically significant allergic symptoms. (Rev Jan 2020)

Allergy testing are the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures relating to hypersensitivity disorders that may be manifested by generalized systemic reactions as well as by localized reactions in any organ system of the body. Skin allergy testing involves scratching, pricking or puncturing of skin. Allergy blood tests measure the number of antibodies in the body.

Allergen immunotherapy is the repeated administration of specific allergens to members with IgE-mediated conditions, for is a treatment program for individuals who have hypersensitivity to one or more allergens. The objective of the therapy is to lessen or diminish symptoms when the individual is exposed to the allergen in the future. Immunotherapy consists of injections that contain progressively larger amounts of allergen until the individual research and then can continue a maintenance dose level.

The physician or qualified non-physician practitioner performs the appropriate allergy test from the list below.

- 919.1. Direct skin testing (immediate hypersensitivity)
- 919.2. Intracutaneous skin tests
- 919.3. Percutaneous skin test (scratch, prick, or puncture)
- 919.4. In vitro specific IgE test or inhalant (pollens, molds, dust mites, and animal dander), foods, insect stings and drugs
- 919.5. Ingestion challenge testing

## **920. Allergy Testing**

The Division will reimburse specific allergy skin testing medically necessary for members with clinically significant allergic symptoms. Allergy skin testing codes are divided into environmental, venom and food. Testing is used to identify the offending antigen(s) by in vitro (skin) testing, percutaneous (scratch, puncture, prick), intradermal and patch, and photo patch tests.

- 920.1. Percutaneous and intracutaneous skin test.
  - 920.1.1. Percutaneous testing (scratch, prick, puncture; codes 95004, 95017, 95018) for allergens
  - 920.1.2. Intracutaneous (intradermal) sequential and incremental testing (95024, 95027, 95028) when percutaneous tests are negative.
- 920.2. Patch testing (95044) is used for diagnosing contact allergic dermatitis.
- 920.3. Photo tests (95056) are performed with patch test (95044), only the photo tests should be reported.
- 920.4. Photo patch test. If photo patch test (95052) are performed with patch test (95044) same

antigen /same session, only the photo patch tests should be reported.

- 920.5. Ophthalmic mucous membrane or direct nasal mucous membrane tests. Nasal or ophthalmic mucous membrane tests (procedure codes 95060 and 95065) are used for the diagnosis of either food or inhalant allergies and involve the direct administration of the allergen to the mucosa.
- 920.6. Inhalation of bronchial challenge testing. Bronchial challenge testing with methacholine, histamine or allergens (95070 and 95071) is used for defining asthmas or airway hyperactivity when skin testing results are not consistent with the client's medical history.

921. **Allergen Immunotherapy**

Allergy immunotherapy, commonly known as “allergy shots”, is performed after allergy testing is completed and the provider has determined the allergen, a regimen of immunotherapy is formulated using codes 95115, 95117, 95120-95134, and 95144-95180. Allergen immunotherapy reduces allergen sensitivity and usually results in long-term relief of allergy symptoms. The goal is to reduce the allergy patient's sensitivity when exposed to the offending allergen in the future.

Allergen immunotherapy (allergy shots) is a type of long-term therapy doctors use to reduce symptoms in individual with:

- 921.1. Allergic asthma
- 921.2. Allergic rhinitis
- 921.3. Insect venoms allergy
- 921.4. Conjunctivitis (eye allergy)
- 921.5. Stinging (wasps, hornets, bees, fire ants)
- 921.6. Asthma
- 921.7. Rhinitis

922. **Ingestion Testing**

Ingestion challenge test. Procedure code 95076 is used to confirm an allergy to a food or food additive.

923. **Allergy Blood Testing**

Blood in vitro testing (blood serum analysis) immediate hypersensitivity testing by measurement of allergen specific serum IgE in the blood stream. The blood test are used to test for inhalant allergens (pollens, molds, dust mites, animal dander), food, insect stings, and drugs or latex, when direct skin testing is impossible. Codes 86001, 86003 and 86005 are used for blood testing, which are limited per the NCCI Medically Unlikely (MUE) allowable units, per rolling year.

**924. Office Visits**

An office visit must not be billed in conjunction with an allergy injection unless the office visit represents another significant separately identifiable service.

**925. Non-Covered Services**

- 925.1. Procedure codes which describe the complete service code for the combined supply of antigen and allergy injection provided during a single encounter will not be covered.
- 925.2. Administration of antigen(s) is included in the applicable allergen immunotherapy CPT code and is not separately billable.

**926. Billing Guideline**

Evaluation and management (E/M) codes reported with allergy testing or allergy immunotherapy are appropriate only if a significant, separately identifiable service is administered. When appropriate, use E/M code, to indicate separately identifiable service. If E/M services are reported, medical documentation of the separately identifiable service should be in the medical record. (Rev. 03/2023)

- 926.1. Allergy testing is not performed on the same day as allergy immunotherapy in standard medical practice, therefore, should not be reported together.

- 926.2. Provider(s) shall report the appropriate code(s) used, which determines the billing units(s).

- 926.2.1. Administration of Antigen(s) by Injection

- 926.2.1.1. For 95115, one unit is billed when only one injection is given on the same day.

- 926.2.1.2. For 95117, one unit is billed when two or more injections are given on the same day of service.

- 926.2.2. Allergy Testing

- 926.2.2.1. For code 95180, rapid desensitization must be billed as one hour equals one unit.

- 926.2.2.2. For code 95144 professional service for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy single dose vial(s)

- 926.2.3. Preparation of Antigen(s)

- 926.2.3.1. CPT procedure code 95165 is used to report multiple dose vials of non-venom antigens. For CPT code 95165, a billable unit dose is now defined as 1 cc (cubic centimeter) aliquot. When billing code 95165, providers should report the number of units representing the number of 1 cc doses being prepared. This does not mean that 1 cc aliquot must be removed, but the

professional may not bill for this antigen preparation code for more than 10 doses per vial. The patient's medical record must contain documentation of the volume of antigen prepared to substantiate the number of 1 cc doses billed on the Medicaid claim.

- 926.2.3.2. A maximum of 10 doses per vial is allowed for provider billing, even if more than 10 preparations are obtained from the vial. In cases where a multidose vial is diluted, providers should not bill for diluted preparations more than the 10 doses per vial allowed under code 95165. If the provider dispenses two or more multiple dose vials of antigen, for each vial dispensed CPT code 95165 must be listed on a separate line along with the corresponding number of doses.
- 926.2.3.3. The antigen codes (95144-95170) are considered single dose codes. To report these codes, specify the number of doses provided. The date of service billed for 95144-95170 must match the preparation date. (Rev. 03/2025)
- 926.2.3.4. If a patient's doses are adjusted (e.g., due to reaction), and the antigen provided is more or fewer doses than originally anticipated, the provider should make no change in the number of doses billed. Report the number of doses anticipated at the time of the antigen preparation. A dosing schedule or other documentation should be present in the patient's medical record to substantiate the number of doses anticipated at the time of preparation. These instructions apply to both venom and non-venom antigen codes.
- 926.2.3.5. Antigen preparation services are subject to the direct supervision requirements listed in Section 601 of this manual. Antigen preparation codes should only be billed by the enrolled provider who performed direct, on-site supervision of the antigen preparation. This provider may be different than the provider who prescribed the immunotherapy treatment. The medical record must include the name and dated signature of the provider that performed on-site supervision of the preparation service. Billing for antigen preparation for antigens that were prepared off-site or under the supervision of a different provider is prohibited.
- 926.2.3.6. The personnel performing antigen preparation must be a direct employee of the billing provider or of the billing provider's group practice. Antigen preparation services performed by an independent contractor are not billable. Rev 03/2025.

The supply (preparation) of antigen(s) must be billed separately; the administration of antigen(s) is included in the applicable allergen immunotherapy CPT code and is not separately billable.

Allergy testing should be based on the member's medical history and epidemiologic factors related to the allergens. Providers must document medical necessity in the member's medical record. Claims billed with allergy testing and allergen immunotherapy that do not have supporting medical documentation may result in recoupment.

## **927. Auxiliary Personnel**

The Division has no provision for direct enrollment of, or payment to auxiliary personnel employed by the physician, such as nurses, non-physician anesthetists, unlicensed surgical assistants, or other aids. Physician's Assistant services are reimbursable only under criteria set forth in subsection 601.11 of the manual.

Certified Pediatric, OB\GYN and Family Nurse Practitioners, and CRNAs are eligible for Georgia Medicaid enrollment. Licensed physical, occupational, and speech pathology therapists are eligible for enrollment to provide services to members less than twenty-one years of age. Services provided by practitioners eligible for enrollment cannot be billed by the physician. Physicians cannot be reimbursed for services provided by physician extenders except for their enrolled physician's assistants.

When the physician employs auxiliary personnel to assist in rendering services to patients and bills the charges as part of the physician's charge for the service, the Division may reimburse the physician for such services if the following criteria are met:

- 927.1. The services are rendered in a manner consistent with the requirement of Section 601.1 of this manual.
- 927.2. The services provided are "incident to" services performed under the direct supervision of the physician as an adjunct to the physician's personal service.
- 927.3. The services are of the kinds that are commonly rendered in the medical setting.
- 927.4. The services are not traditionally reserved for physicians. Services traditionally reserved to physicians include but are not limited to hospital, office, home, or nursing home visits; prescribing of medication; psychotherapy; and surgery.

Employed auxiliary personnel performing an 'incident to' services may be part-time or full-time, or leased employees of the enrolled physician. To satisfy the employment requirement, auxiliary personnel must be considered an employee of the enrolled physician, and the leased employees must be full-time, and the terms of lease must render leased employees in all respects under control and supervision of enrolled physicians. To satisfy the employee lease requirement, the applicable agreement, the



term of the lease must be for a minimum of one year.

Services provided by auxiliary personnel not employed by the physician are not covered regardless of the services provided on physician's order.

"Incident to" means the services are provided as an integral, although incidental, part of the physician's personal professional services during diagnosis or treatment of an injury or illness. Such a service could be considered "incident to" when provided during a course of treatment when the physician performs an initial service and subsequent services of a frequency that reflects the physician's active participation in and management of the course of treatment.

Direct supervision by the physician does not mean the physician must be present in the same room; however, the physician must be present at the site of the services and must be immediately available to provide assistance and direction throughout the time the services are performed.

"Commonly rendered" services are those customarily considered incident to the physician's personal services in the medical setting.

#### **928. Consultations**

A consultation is a type of evaluation and management service provided at the request of another physician or appropriate source to either recommend care for a specific condition or problem or to determine whether to accept responsibility for ongoing management of the patient's entire care or for the care of a specific condition or problem.

The Division consultation codes 99251-99255 were reopened for eligible Medicaid members. All hospital consultation visits must be initiated by the initial hospitalist or an initiating provider for another physician of a different specialty to provide a consultation in the hospital. The written request for consultation must be part of the initiating physician's record. The request must require an opinion from the consultation.

Any overuse and misuse of billing hospital initial visit codes 99221-99223 rather than the most appropriate inpatient consultation codes 99251-99255 may result in an internal review by the DCH's Program Integrity Unit/Office of Inspector General or external Recovery Audit Contractor.

If after the completion of a consultation the consultant assumes responsibility for management of a portion or all the patient's condition(s), the appropriate Evaluation and Management services code for the site of service should be reported. In the hospital or nursing facility setting, the consultant should use the appropriate inpatient consultation code for the initial encounter and then subsequent hospital, or nursing facility care codes. In the office setting, the consultant should use the appropriate office or other outpatient consultation codes and then the established patient office or other outpatient services codes.

#### **1015. Co-payment**

See Appendix Q for details. (Rev. 10/ 2009)

## **1016. Dialysis Services**

### **1016.1. Acute Kidney Injury (AKI). (Rev. 06/ 2014)**

1016.1.1. Dialysis services provided for acute kidney injury (AKI) are reimbursable under the Physician Program using hospital visit codes, critical care codes, or appropriate surgical care codes. CPT dialysis services codes are not covered.

1016.1.2. Acute Kidney Injury, previously known as Acute Renal Failure, denotes a sudden episode of kidney failure or damage causing reduction in kidney function. Acute kidney injury is commonly reversible.

Please refer to Dialysis Services manual for care provided to members diagnosed with acute kidney injury/acute renal failure which is not a part of this program and must be billed through the Dialysis Services Program.

## **1017. Chronic Renal Failure**

### **1017.1. Medicaid-Only Members**

Dialysis services are available to Medicaid-only members under the Dialysis Services program. All professional and technical services must be billed in compliance with the Dialysis Services manual. Physicians rendering the professional component of the dialysis services must enroll separately in the dialysis program under each facility where they are affiliated. Reimbursement is not available for professional services rendered in a non-enrolled facility.

### **1017.2. Medicare/Medicaid Members**

Medicare is the primary payer for dually eligible members. Medicare reimbursement applies for all dialysis related services. No reimbursement will be made for non-covered Medicare dialysis services.

## **1018. Electrocardiograms (EKG)**

CPT code 93014 is reimbursable when the physician who is interpreting an EKG performed in a rural area by a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner, and no physician is immediately available at the rural clinic. The code should not be used to bill for services to a patient who is hospitalized and on a cardiac telemetry monitor. Additionally, the code should not be utilized to report transmissions of patient demand event monitoring devices.

CPT code 93268 should be used to report transmission, physician review, and interpretation of event recordings produced by a cardiac event recorder.

## **1019. Family Planning Services**

Please refer to the Family Planning Services Manual.

## **1020. Hospital Evaluation and Management Services**

- 1020.1. All levels of hospital evaluation and management (E/M) codes as specified in the current CPT manual, including definitions and instructions, are incorporated by reference.
- 1020.2. If a member is admitted to the hospital as an inpatient in the course of an appointment in another site of services (e.g., hospital emergency Division, physician's office, nursing facility) all evaluation and management services provided by that physician in conjunction with that admission are considered part of the initial hospital care when performed on the same date as the admission and should not be billed separately.
- 1020.3. Evaluation and management codes associated with surgical procedures are discussed in Section 953: Surgery.
  - 1020.3.1. Daily Hospital E/M Services
    - 1020.3.1.1. Initial hospital care using codes 99221 through 99223 is reimbursable only to the admitting physician. Only one unit of any one of these codes is reimbursable per admission.
    - 1020.3.1.2. E/M services and psychiatric services rendered on the same date of service by the same provider or provider group must be billed using 90832 through 90837.
    - 1020.3.1.3. Hospital, emergency, observation, NICU, consultations, or critical care E/M Services on the same date of service are not separately reimbursable to the same physician or group of physicians of the same specialty. Only one charge per specialty for the most appropriate level of care may be reimbursed by the date of service.
    - 1020.3.1.4. Hospital E/M services must be documented in the hospital records on the date of each visit.
    - 1020.3.1.5. Documentation of service in the physician's office records is not sufficient for reimbursement of hospital E/M services.
    - 1020.3.1.6. Hospital E/M services to members waiting for nursing home placement are not reimbursable unless the services are medically necessary.
    - 1020.3.1.7. Observation or inpatient hospital care codes 99234 through 99236 must be used for outpatient observation or hospital admission that begin and end on the same calendar date with a minimum of twelve hours.

## **1021. Observation**

Observation services are services by a hospital/physician, including use of a bed and periodic monitoring by a hospital's nursing or other staff, which are reasonable and necessary to evaluate an out-patient's condition, or to determine the need for a possible admission to the hospital as an inpatient. Such services are covered if provided per physician's order (Observation services usually do not exceed twenty-four hours. Some patients, however, may require 48 hours of outpatient observation services. In only rare and exceptional cases outpatient observation services span more than 48 hours.

A person is considered a hospital in-patient if formally admitted and acute inpatient qualifying criteria designated by Division, such as InterQual7, are met. The purpose of observation is to determine the need for further treatment or for inpatient admission. Thus, a patient in observation may improve and be released or admitted as an inpatient.

If a patient is retained on observation status for 48 hours without being admitted as an inpatient, further observation services will be denied as not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of a physical or mental condition. (See section 106, Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual.) A maximum of 48 hours of observation may be reimbursed. If the 48-hour observation limit is exceeded and the patient does not meet the criteria for inpatient admission, the submitted claim may include the total number of units, but the facility will only receive reimbursement for 48 hours or units. However, any services provided beyond the medically necessary time are non-covered.

Observation is generally covered as an outpatient service. Observing the patient for up to 24 hours should be adequate in most cases. A physician who believes that exceptional circumstances in a particular case justify approval of more than 48 hours in an outpatient observation setting may submit a claim with documentation of the exceptional circumstances. The claim can be appealed for medical review. If, after medical review, the determination is made that continued observation beyond 48 hours was medically necessary, an observation status may be approved.

Outpatient observation is not covered in the following situations: complex cases requiring inpatient care, post-operative monitoring during the standard recovery period; routine preparation services furnished prior to diagnostic testing in the hospital outpatient Division and the recovery afterwards; and the observation billed concurrently with therapeutic services such as chemotherapy, physical therapy, and similar situations.

The outpatient status becomes in-patient when services are medically necessary. Inpatient services must be certified per Chapter 800. Certification must be obtained within thirty calendar days of the beginning date of this episode of care. To receive certification for admission, documentation must be provided proving that the admission is medically and appropriate.

If the provider billed for inpatient services and later determined that the services should have been billed as an outpatient service, the provider has three months from the date of service to adjust the claim. Providers should not substitute outpatient services for medically appropriate inpatient admissions. An inpatient is not considered to have been discharged if placed in observation after inpatient admission. If an inpatient stay is likely, outpatient observation should not be billed to the Division. The date of the inpatient admission is the calendar date the patient is formally admitted as an inpatient and will count as the first inpatient day.

Elective procedures where the anticipated stay is less than 24 hours is considered an observation

stay, if the primary reason for the stay is to monitor for possible complications. Services, such as complex surgery, require inpatient care, and may not be billed as outpatient. Request for updates to the pre-certification file and retroactive certification (except pediatrics as per current policy) of inpatient level of care that should have been anticipated will not be considered timely and will be denied.

The Division covers services that are medically appropriate and necessary. The services provided in the setting must be appropriate to the specific medical needs of the member. (See section 106 of Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual.) The medical record must substantiate the medical necessity and appropriateness including appropriateness of the setting. When the outpatient observation setting is non-covered, all services provided in the outpatient observation setting are also non-covered. Services that are not reasonable or necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of patients but are provided for the convenience of patients or physicians are not covered. (See section 106 of Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual.)

Level of care and setting determinations are based on patient assessment, medical condition and anticipated or actual treatment as documented in the request for approval. Peer review, in conjunction with inpatient/outpatient qualifying criteria such as InterQual, may be used by PAUM contractors to assess the patient's medical condition and to substantiate medical necessity for inpatient or outpatient status. s. Hospitals are required to conduct concurrent review and to keep the hospitalized patient until the same criteria indicate hospitalization is no longer necessary. The Division will notify providers in writing 30 days prior to the date of any changes in the criteria or version of criteria being used to certify inpatient admissions. Written notice will be provided on banner messages and on remittances. The same version of criteria will be used for any retrospective medical reviews as were used prospectively.

## **1022. Providers Administered Drug List (PADL)**

- 1022.1. Procedure codes and descriptions for injectable drugs (other than allergy injections) are listed in the Providers Administered Drug List (PADL). Unless otherwise specified, immunization drugs for members less than 19 years of age are covered under the Health Check for Kids Program. Rev Jul 2012/Oct 2017
- 1022.2. Claims for injectable drugs and immunizations must include CPT or HCPCS code and must also have an NDC.
- 1022.3. Medications listed in the PADL do not require prior authorization (PA) unless otherwise indicated by PA.
- 1022.4. The Division's maximum allowable reimbursement for approved drugs on the Providers Administered Drug List to the lesser of: (Rev 07/2009)
  - 1022.4.1. The provider's usual and customary charge; or,
  - 1022.4.2. Average Sales Price (ASP) plus 6% as defined July 1st of each year or upon the drug's initial availability in the marketplace, whichever is later; or,
  - 1022.4.3. Average Wholesale Price (AWP) minus 11% for injectable drugs that do not have ASP pricing, until ASP pricing becomes available and ASP plus

6% pricing can be utilized.

- 1022.4.4. Drugs on the PADL that are without an ASP rate are denoted by an inverted triangle (▼).
- 1022.4.5. Administration fees are not separately reimbursable under the Physician Services Program for injectable drugs except for chemotherapy administration codes 96401-96542 and certain vaccines. Rev July 2009/Oct 2019
- 1022.4.6. Please refer to the Provider Administered Drug List (PADL) manual for drug pricing information. The injectable drugs are contained in the Provider Administered Drug List may be billed by the physician.

## **1023. Laboratory Procedures**

Laboratory procedures are defined in the CPT in the ranges 80300 through 89398 and panels 80047 through 80076. Providers must select the procedure code that most closely describes the procedure performed.

### **1023.1. Multi-channel Tests**

- 1023.1.1. Individual components of automated, multi-channel tests must be billed separately. These tests must be billed using codes in the ranges 80300 through 89398 and panels 80047 through 80076. Only one unit of the appropriate test may be billed for one date of service.
- 1023.1.2. Additional instructions and reimbursement information are in the Schedule of Maximum Allowable Payments for Clinical Laboratory and Anatomical Pathology Services. This schedule is applicable to laboratory procedures that are performed in a physician's office or in an independent laboratory. The Division has established the following limitations for reimbursement for laboratory services.
  - 1023.1.2.1. Physicians billing for laboratory services must be compliant with the final rules of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88) to receive Medicaid reimbursement. At a minimum, a certificate of waiver is required for tests as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For tests performed of moderate or higher complexity, the physician must meet the CLIA requirements for certification.
  - 1023.1.2.2. Providers who do not have a Certificate of Waiver or Registration on file with CMS will have claims denied for laboratory services. If erroneous payment has been made to providers without appropriate certification, the Division will initiate recovery procedures.
  - 1023.1.2.3. The Division will not reimburse physicians for

laboratory procedures that are sent to state, public, or independent laboratories. Independent laboratories are enrolled separately in the Medicaid program and must bill the Division directly for their services.

Reimbursement for the collection and handling code, 99000, and the specimen collection code 36415 is included in the E/M services code reimbursement and is not separately reimbursable. The laboratory procedures shown below must be sent to the appropriate state laboratory with the member's name and Medicaid number for the test procedures to be performed without charge. The following procedures are to be sent to the State Laboratory System.

1023.1.2.4. Please refer to Lab Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule for list of covered services and reimbursement rates.

## 1023.2. Newborn Screens

The following follow up tests are allowed on infants less than three (3) months of age when the initial screenings are positive. These claims must be billed with the diagnosis code ICD 10 CM P09. However, neonatal metabolic screens are required by the State on all infants between 24 hours after birth or by the seventh day of life. The initial screening specimen shall continue to be sent on filter paper (DHR Form 3491) to the Public Health Laboratory, Central Facility in Atlanta only.

### 1023.2.1. Procedure Codes:

|       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 82016 | 82017 | 82127 | 82131 | 82261 |
| 82775 | 82776 | 83020 | 83498 | 83788 |
| 84030 | 84150 | 84436 | 84437 | 84442 |
| 84443 |       |       |       |       |

Specimens for the above battery of tests may be on a full blood sample (not filter paper) and must be performed by any CLIA certified participating laboratory.

## 1023.3. Hemoglobin Testing

The Division will not make payment for the following tests for sickle cell detection, confirmation or follow-up for infants and family members of infants suspected of sickle cell anemia or trait:

CPT 83020 includes SS, SC, SE, S Beta Thalassemia, SO and SD.

All blood specimens with a sickle cell indicator must be forwarded in an appropriate sickle cell outfit to the Waycross Regional Public Health Laboratory.

The Division will provide reimbursement for these hemoglobin tests for possible diagnosis other than sickle cell.

1023.4. Syphilis Serology

Refer to the Independent Lab Services Manual for a list of covered procedure codes for syphilis testing. The Division will not reimburse for syphilis serology. (Rev Jan 2016)

1023.5. Tuberculosis Testing

The following procedures are for tuberculosis diagnosis ICD 10 CM A15.0 through A15.9 & A18.4 testing.

The procedures are: 87116 and 87118

All sputum with a tuberculosis indicator must be forwarded in the sputum outfit provided by the State laboratory in Atlanta only. Under no condition will the Division reimburse for tuberculosis testing.

1023.6. Salmonella and Shigella Testing

Diagnoses included are ICD 10 CM A02.0 – A03.9.

The procedures are: 87045 and 87081

Stool culture is often used for the detection of salmonella or shigella. All stool cultures with a salmonella or shigella indicator must be forwarded in a stool culture outfit (provided by the State) to the State laboratory in Atlanta. Under no condition will the Division reimburse for salmonella or shigella testing.

1023.7. HIV/AIDS Test Procedures:

The Division reimburses for screening tests when ordered by the members, physician or practitioner within the context of a healthcare setting and performed by an eligible Medicaid provider. Please refer to the Independent Lab Services manual for a list of covered procedure codes for HIV testing. (Rev Jan 2016)

1023.8. Drug Testing

Drug procedures are divided into three subsections: Therapeutic Drug Assay, type of patient results obtained. Therapeutic Drug Assays are performed to monitor clinical response to a known, prescribed medication. The two major categories for drug testing in the Drug Assay subsection are: (Rev. 10/2014)

1023.8.1. Presumptive Drug Class procedures are used to identify possible use or non-use of a drug or drug class. A presumptive test may be followed by a definitive test to specifically identify drugs or metabolites.

1023.8.2. Definitive Drug Class procedures are qualitative or quantitative tests to identify possible use or non-use of a drug. These tests identify specific drugs and associated metabolites, if performed. A presumptive test is not required prior to a definitive drug test.



Presumptive Drug Class Screenings are drugs or classes of drugs may be commonly assayed first by presumptive screening method followed by a definitive drug identification method. The list of drug classes and the methodology are considered when coding presumptive procedures. If a drug class is not listed in List A or List B and it is not performed by Thin-Layer Chromatography (TLC), use 80304 unless the specific analyte is listed in the Chemistry Section.

**1023.9. Definitive Drug Testing**

Definitive drug identification methods can identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers but not necessarily stereoisomers. Definitive methods include, but are not limited to, gas chromatography with mass spectrometry and liquid chromatography mass spectrometry and exclude immunoassays and enzymatic methods. The Definitive Drug Classes Listing provides the drug classes, their associated CPT codes, and the drugs included in each class. Each category of a drug class, including metabolite(s) if performed (except stereoisomers), is reported once per date of service. Metabolites not listed in the table may be reported using the code for the parent code for the parent drug. Drug class metabolite(s) is listed as a separate category in Definitive Drug Classes Listing.

The code is based on the number of reported analytes and not the capacity of the analysis.

Specimen outfits for testing to be done in the Regional Laboratories should be ordered directly from those laboratories at the below listed address.

The State Laboratory locations and telephone numbers are listed below:

Atlanta Central Laboratory  
Georgia Department of Public Health  
1749 Clairmont Road  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4050  
(404) 327-7900

Waycross Regional Laboratory  
Georgia Department of Public Health  
1101 Church Street  
Waycross, Georgia 31501-3525  
(912) 285-6000

**1024. Medicare Deductible/Coinsurance**

- 1024.1. If a member is eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare, all claims must be sent to the Medicare carrier first. Medicare upper limits of reimbursement will apply for all services covered by Medicare. Policies and procedures for billing these services and detailed coverage limitations are described in Chapter 300 of Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual and Chapter 1000 of this manual.

## **1025. Neurology and Neuromuscular Procedures**

Codes for certain neurology and neuromuscular procedures have two billing formats:

### **1025.1. Professional Component**

1025.1.1. Charges billed with an inpatient or outpatient hospital place of service are reimbursed for the professional component only. These charges will automatically assign modifier 26 to the procedure code.

### **1025.2. Complete Procedure**

1025.2.1. Codes used for complete procedures performed in the physician's office are identified in the range 95819 through 95999 of the CPT.

## **1026. Newborn Care**

Reimbursement is available for inpatient post-natal, normal newborn care on eligible newborns. Services including the history and physical, along with the subsequent hospital care and discharge day management are reimbursable for normal newborns when medically necessary. Applicable codes include:

1026.1. 99238 (Hospital discharge day management) cannot be billed on the same date as 99461. See Section 933.2 for Neonatal test requirements.

1026.2. 99460 History and Examination

1026.3. 99462 Subsequent hospital care

1026.3.1. Hospital services for all babies must be billed under the baby's Medicaid number and must contain the diagnosis code reflective of the medical condition. Care for infants whose condition requires neonatal intensive care, whether performed in the NICU or another area, must be billed using the NICU codes 99468 and 99469. Services specified by the CPT as being included in the NICU E/M codes are not separately reimbursable. Rev Jan 2009.

1026.3.2. On the day of delivery, in addition to the initial NICU procedure code (99468), the physician can bill for procedure code 99465 (newborn resuscitation) or 99464 (attendance at delivery) if appropriate. (CPT code 99465 can be reimbursed separately on the day of delivery, if the newborn resuscitation occurred prior to admission to the NICU).

1026.3.3. Only one initial NICU procedure code 99468 is allowed per hospital admission. Preventative health screening of eligible children performed after the newborn examination is covered under HealthCheck only. See section 701, Appendix D, and the HealthCheck Manual.

1026.3.4. Newborn circumcisions and routine newborn care provided in the hospital setting must be billed under the baby's name and Medicaid number. Newborn circumcisions are covered procedure without prior

authorization prior to discharge.

1026.3.5. Please see Section 113.1 of Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual for information regarding Medicaid eligibility for newborns.

1026.3.6. Newborn Certification Form, See Appendix J

**1027. Non-Invasive Vascular Studies**

No reimbursement will be made for the use of a simple hand-held or other Doppler device that does not produce hard copy output, or that produces a record that does not permit analysis of bidirectional flow as this is part of the physical examination of the patient. All procedures are valued based on the assumption that the procedures are bilateral.

**1028. Nursing Home Services**

Please refer to the Nursing Facility Manual

**1029. Obstetrical Services**

1029.1. Initial Visit and Prenatal Profile

1029.1.1. The Division provides reimbursement for the initial and prenatal visit to determine pregnancy and the initial laboratory services (prenatal profile) separately from any other obstetrical care. Charges for these initial services should be billed immediately after the initial contact.

1029.2. Antepartum, Delivery and Postpartum Care

1029.2.1. The Division provides reimbursement for the initial and prenatal visit to determine pregnancy and the initial laboratory services (prenatal profile) separately from any other obstetrical care. Charges for these initial services should be billed immediately after the initial contact.

**1030. Lactation Consultation Services**

1030.1. Effective July 1, 2022, The Department of Community Health will reimburse lactation consultations services provided for post-partum and breastfeeding mothers. Services must be rendered by an Internationally Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) credentialed by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) with possession of a valid and current IBCLC certification. The services are available to mothers after delivery during the postpartum care period of 365 days and are a component of pregnancy-related services. The services include a face-to-face visit of no less than 30 minutes. Also included is a comprehensive feeding assessment related to lactation, interventions that focus on positional techniques/proper latching/counseling, community support information and evaluation of interventional outcomes. Within the scope of these services is the provision of group and individual breastfeeding education support. (Rev July 2022)

1030.1.1. A maximum of five (5) lactation consultation visits per pregnancy will

be reimbursed for a single or multiple gestational pregnancy. Each visit can last up to 60 minutes and only one visit is reimbursable per date of service. Claims for IBCLC services are to be submitted utilizing the mother's member identification number. Documentation must support the need for maternal lactation support, education, a begin time and end time of services provided, and a comprehensive description of the professional interventions provided.

- 1030.1.2. An IBCLC providing lactation consultation services must bill one of the following HCPCS codes, S9443 (Lactation Class) or S9445 (Patient Education). Additionally, at least one of the following applicable diagnosis codes should be included on the claim: Z39.1, Z39.2, Z34.9, P92.1, P92.2, P92.5, P92.8, P92.9, R63.3, R63.30, O92.5, O92.4, O92.13, or O92.70 to indicate the type of the lactation consultation service provided. Lactation consultation services will not require prior approval, but provider referral is recommended.

### **1031. Total Obstetrical Care**

- 1031.1. If a member is eligible for Medicaid for the entire duration of a pregnancy and is cared for by one practitioner or a group practice, the attending practitioner must bill the Division under the appropriate procedure code for total obstetrical care which includes antepartum care, delivery, and postpartum care.
- 1031.2. For reimbursement, the attending physician should be designated in the member's chart and services billed under that practitioner's number.
- 1031.3. When a C-section is performed and the attending is not part of a group practice authorized to perform C-sections, the global package cannot be billed. The physician performing the C-section must bill for that service and the attending must bill for the appropriate antepartum and postpartum care.
- 1031.4. If an OB patient is admitted for a non-delivery related diagnosis in observation status and at the end of 48 hours admission is required and criteria met, contact Gainwell Technology for pre-certification.
- 1031.5. Antepartum care includes the initial and subsequent history, physical examinations, recording of weight, blood pressures, fetal heart tones, routine chemical urinalysis, and monthly visits up to 28 weeks gestation, biweekly visits to 36 weeks gestation, and weekly visits until delivery. Any other visits or services within this time period should be coded separately.
- 1031.6. Delivery services include admission to the hospital, the admission history and physical examination, management of uncomplicated labor, vaginal delivery (with or without episiotomy, with or without forceps), or cesarean delivery.
- 1031.7. Medical problems complicating labor and delivery management may require additional resources and should be identified by utilizing the codes in the CPT medicine section in addition to codes for maternity care.
- 1031.8. If during delivery, the attending physician requires the services of a consulting

physician, pre-certification is not required if the consulting physician submits CPT codes for consultation only. However, if the consulting physician assumes care, or provides more services than strict consultation, pre-certification is required and should be obtained from Gainwell Technology.

- 1031.9. Postpartum care includes hospital and office visits following vaginal or cesarean section delivery. For medical complications of pregnancy (e.g., cardiac problems, neurological problems, diabetes, hypertension, toxemia, hyperemesis, pre-term labor, premature rupture of membranes), see services in the Medicine section of the CPT.
- 1031.10. For surgical complications of pregnancy (e.g., appendectomy, hernia, ovarian cyst, Bartholin cyst), see services in the surgery section of the CPT.
- 1031.11. Total obstetrical care cannot be billed for a delivery of less than 20 weeks gestation (by dates or ultrasound). Procedure code 59025 (non-fetal stress test) cannot be billed for members with a gestation period of less than 34 weeks. A physician may bill one fetal non-stress test in 24 hours for members that are at or past 34 weeks gestation. If the member is on continuous monitoring, only an initial non-fetal stress test should be required. In a rare instance where more than one non-fetal stress test would be required, while the member is on continuous monitoring, there must be clearly documented evidence of medical necessity.

**1032. Partial Obstetrical Care Due to Member Eligibility**

- 1032.1. If a member becomes eligible for Medicaid because of a live birth, no prenatal services (including laboratory) are reimbursable. If the member was ineligible for the nine-month period preceding delivery, the appropriate delivery only or delivery and postpartum care code must be billed. No charge is reimbursable for hospital admission, history and physical or normal hospital E/M services. Deliveries of less than 20 weeks gestation (by dates or by ultrasound) cannot be billed as a delivery.

**1033. Partial Obstetrical Care Due to Involvement of More Than One Physician during Pregnancy**

- 1033.1. If a physician provides all or part of the antepartum care but does not perform delivery due to termination of pregnancy by abortion or referral to another physician for delivery, use the appropriate CPT code as explained below.
  - 1033.1.1. Four to six antepartum care visits that do not include the delivery should be billed using the procedure code 59425.
  - 1033.1.2. Seven or more antepartum care visits that do not include delivery should be billed using the procedure code 59426.
  - 1033.1.3. E/M codes for antepartum services cannot exceed 3 visits.

**1034. Ultrasound and Amniocentesis**

- 1034.1. The eleven medically necessary obstetric ultrasounds shall be allowed per pregnancy. This includes obstetric ultrasounds performed by all providers regardless of place of service. Obstetrical providers shall utilize the following four OB ultrasound procedure codes. (Rev Jan 2018, Sept 10)

- 1034.2. Prior authorization is required after the service has been rendered regardless of the member age or place of service. Reimbursement is limited to services rendered that are medically necessary.
- 1034.2.1. 76801 OB US < 14 weeks single fetus
  - 1034.2.2. 76802 OB US < 14 weeks additional fetus
  - 1034.2.3. 76805 OB US > / = 14 weeks single fetus
  - 1034.2.4. 76810 OB US > / = 14 weeks additional fetus
  - 1034.2.5. 76811 OB US detailed single fetus
  - 1034.2.6. 76812 OB US detailed additional fetus
  - 1034.2.7. 76813 OB US nuchal meas 1 gest
  - 1034.2.8. 76814 OB US nuchal meas add on
  - 1034.2.9. 76815 OB US limited fetus(s)
  - 1034.2.10. 76816 OB US follow up per fetus
  - 1034.2.11. 76817 Transvaginal OB US
  - 1034.2.12. Out-of-State Deliveries
- 1034.3. First Trimester Incentive Pay
- 1034.3.1. The Division provides incentive pay if the provider begins routine antepartum care during the first trimester of pregnancy (on or before 14 weeks gestation) and continues to provide normal prenatal care through the entire antepartum, delivery, and postpartum period.
  - 1034.3.2. Voluntary HIV counseling and testing must be offered or provided. Documentation must be included in the medical records. See Appendix S for Provider's Guide to HIV Pre-test and Post-test Counseling. Failure to document may result in recoupment of the entire incentive payment.
  - 1034.3.3. To bill for this incentive 22 modifier should be added to either code 59400 Total Obstetrical Care - Vaginal Delivery; 59510 - Total Obstetrical Care - Cesarean delivery; 59610 - Total Obstetrical Care Vaginal Delivery After Previous C-Section; or 59618 - Total Obstetrical Care, C-Section Delivery After Previous C-Sections; as appropriate. Please note that these codes are mutually exclusive and only one can be billed per pregnancy.

1034.4. Early Elective Deliveries

- 1034.4.1. Effective October 1, 2013, the Medicaid Division within the Department of Community Health changed its benefit coverage for non-medically necessary cesarean deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestation. Claims submitted for ANY labor inductions or cesarean sections on or before 39 weeks gestation that are not properly documented as medically necessary will be denied in the Georgia Medicaid Management System (GAMMIS). Gainwell Technology's current MMIS will be updated later for claims processing of this benefit coverage for early elective deliveries (EED) including non-medically necessary cesarean deliveries and early inductions. This policy was approved as a mandate by the 2013 Georgia legislature in Georgia's SFY 2014 budget bill.
- 1034.4.2. Hospital UB 04 Claims
- 1034.4.3. There are no proposed changes to the current billing process of inpatient claims for induction/delivery services when processed through the claims adjudication process for payment. Hospitals are strongly encouraged to collaborate with their physicians privileged to provide obstetric services to develop guidelines and protocols (i.e., a scheduling protocol or Hard Stop Policy and/or establish documentation standards) for deliveries prior to 39-week gestation. Hospitals are also encouraged to enforce those guidelines and protocols.
- 1034.4.4. Professional 1500 Claims
- 1034.4.5. Practitioners are to continue billing obstetric procedure codes on their professional 1500 claim forms for payment: 59400, 59409, 59410, 59514, 59510, 59515, 59610, 59612, 59614, 59618, 59620, and 59622, along with one of the three (3) modifiers (UB, UC, or UD) appended to the billed delivery procedure code. GAMMIS will be configured with system edit(s) for the delivery claims that do not append one of the required EED modifiers and/or that do not meet the approved guidelines of billing certain clinical indications. Delivery claims that are submitted with medical conditions that do not warrant an exception prior to 39 weeks gestation will post the EED edit requiring medical review by our state's peer review organization, Alliant Health Solutions (AHS). Clinical justification and the proper documentation must be submitted to Alliant Health Solutions for review of the denied obstetric delivery claim. Also, ALL Medicaid practitioners' claims for elective inductions/C-sections must include EITHER the last menstrual period (LMP) or the estimated date of confinement (EDC) or the estimated delivery date (EDD) in field locator 14 of the CMS 1500 paper/electronic form.
- 1034.4.6. Delivery Modifiers for Professional 1500 Claims
- 1034.4.7. One of the following modifiers is required when billing obstetric services for payment:

- 1034.4.8. UB—Medically-necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation
- 1034.4.8.1. For deliveries resulting from members presenting in labor, or at risk of labor, and subsequently delivering before 39 weeks, or
- 1034.4.8.2. For inductions or cesarean sections that meet the ACOG or approved medically necessary guidelines, the appropriate ACOG Patient Safety Checklist must be completed and maintained for documentation in the GA enrolled member's file, or
- 1034.4.8.3. For inductions or cesarean sections that do not meet the ACOG or approved guidelines, the appropriate ACOG Patient Safety Checklist must be completed. Additionally, the enrolled provider must obtain approval from the state's peer review organization, Alliant Health Solutions, and maintain this checklist in the enrolled member's file. The practitioner must submit to Alliant Health Solutions the clinical justification and documentation for review along with the Patient Safety Checklist.
- 1034.4.9. UC—Delivery at 39 weeks of gestation or later
- 1034.4.9.1. For all deliveries at 39 weeks gestation or more regardless of method (induction, cesarean section or spontaneous labor).
- 1034.4.10. UD—non-medically necessary delivery prior to 39 weeks of gestation (Elective non-medically necessary deliveries less than 39 weeks gestation)
- 1034.4.10.1. For deliveries less than 39 weeks gestation that do not meet ACOG or approved guidelines or are not approved by the Georgia Medical Care Foundation as medically necessary with clinical justification. Examples of unacceptable medical reasons include patient choice, physician going out of town, history of a fast labor, etc.
- NOTE:** Obstetric delivery claims that are submitted without one of the required modifiers listed above will be denied. To avoid claim denials, the two-digit modifier is required whenever billable obstetrical procedure codes are submitted for payment either for vaginal deliveries or cesarean sections.
- 1034.4.11. Documentation Requirements
- 1034.4.11.1. Providers should utilize medical standards before performing cesarean sections, labor inductions, or any



delivery following labor induction. The documents required for peer review are the member's history and physical, admission notes for the delivery, operative report, if applicable, for cesarean sections, physician progress notes, labor and delivery report, discharge summary, and the ACOG Patient Safety Checklist or an appropriate checklist that meets national guidelines. There are medically necessary conditions that may warrant clinical justification with the proper documentation for an early induction or cesarean section (refer to links in references) for some approved exceptions of medical conditions for deliveries prior to 39 weeks. The list of conditions is not meant to be exclusive.

#### Reference

<http://www.acog.org/~/media/Patient%20Safety%20Checklists/psc005.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20130911T1426455280>  
(Scheduling Induction of Labor Checklist)

<http://www.acog.org/~/media/Patient%20Safety%20Checklists/psc003.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20130911T1426455290> (Scheduling Planned Cesarean Delivery Checklist)

[https://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2013A/AppendixATJC.html#Table\\_Number\\_11\\_07\\_Conditions\\_Po](https://manual.jointcommission.org/releases/TJC2013A/AppendixATJC.html#Table_Number_11_07_Conditions_Po) (Joint Commission Conditions) exclusive.

### **1035. Tobacco Cessation Services for Medicaid Eligible Members**

- 1035.1. Effective 1 January 2014, the Division began coverage of tobacco cessation services to all Medicaid members. Medicaid enrolled providers may bill for this service in addition to billing the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E/M) office visit along with CPT codes 99406 or 99407 only. Procedure codes 99406 and 99407 are to be rendered in a face-to-face setting with the member. (Rev 04/2011)
- 1035.2. Effective, January 1, 2017, the Tobacco Cessation Counseling services codes 99406 and 99407 were updated to include Telehealth Services, billing guidance: POS 02 (telehealth not in patient home) and 10 (telehealth in patient home), modifiers 93 (audio only) and 95 (real-time interactive audio and video), GT (telehealth services) and GQ (telecommunication). (Rev 02/2025)
- 1035.3. Only two 12-week tobacco cessation treatment periods will be allowed per member per year. A face-to-face counseling session is required for this service and must be documented in the member's medical record every 30 days during the 12-week treatment period.
- 1035.4. Pharmacotherapy medication is also covered. Please refer to the Pharmacy Services Manual for detailed information on the covered medications and prior authorization

procedure.

## **1036. Office or Other Outpatient E/M Services**

1036.1. All levels of office and other outpatient E/M services as specified in the current CPT manual, including definitions and instructions, are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the following limitations apply for members aged twenty-one years or older:

1036.1.1. Reimbursement for office E/M services is limited to ten (10) per member per calendar year, regardless of the number of physicians rendering care, unless prior approval has been obtained, or if the visit is an emergency. (See Chapter 800, section 804 for prior approval procedures.) Claims for emergency office E/M services must be clearly marked “EMERGENCY” and describe the emergent condition. Office records or notes must be submitted with all claims marked “EMERGENCY” to support medical necessity. All emergency claims must be submitted to:

Prior Authorization & Pre-Certification  
Alliant Health Solutions  
[www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)  
(800) 766-4456 (Toll Free)

1036.1.2. Please see the Family Planning Manual for Reimbursement of Family Planning E/M services.

1036.1.3. Only one office E/M per date of service is reimbursable to the same provider or provider group regardless of extenuating circumstances except in the case of providers of different specialty codes.

1036.1.4. Office E/M services rendered after hours are billable using After Hours codes 99050 and 99051 as Add On codes to Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes 99211–99215 and 99201–99205.

1036.1.5. The service was provided in a situation where a delay in treatment would endanger the health of the individual.

Routine health care or elective surgery is not covered unless prior authorization is obtained.

The referring in-state provider is required to request prior approval by documenting the medical necessity of obtaining services out of state and providing the name and address of the out-of-state medical provider. Out-of-state providers should submit medical documentation including a care plan and notification of discharge for evaluation of care to the Division’s medical peer review contractor, Alliant Health Solutions.

Reimbursement and coverage of out-of-state services is determined in accordance with the Division’s current policies and procedures and are contingent on the patient’s eligibility at the time services are rendered.

Reimbursement shall be limited to the lesser of the Medicaid reimbursement amount for the state where the service was rendered, or 45% of the billed charges, or the current reimbursement for Georgia Medicaid enrolled physicians, as cited in Section 1001-Reimbursement Methodology.

All services provided to members while out of state by providers not properly enrolled will be subject to prepayment review.

Requests for prior approval or questions regarding out-of-state services must be directed to:

Prior Authorization & Pre-Certification  
Alliant Health Solutions  
www.mmis.georgia.gov  
(800) 766-4456 (Toll Free)

#### **1037. Out-of-State Services- Non-Enrolled Providers**

The Division will pay for medical services for members rendered out of state if the claim is received within twelve months from the month of service and if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- 1037.1. The service was prior authorized by the Division,
- 1037.2. The service was provided because of an emergency or life-endangering situation (If the out-of-state provider the medical record must support the existence of an emergency, but the diagnosis does not justify an emergency, the claim must be submitted with a copy of the medical records.), or,
- 1037.3. The service was rendered in a situation where a delay in treatment would endanger the health of the individual.

Routine health care or elective surgery is not covered unless prior authorization is obtained.

Members should be transferred to another in-state Georgia facility before transferring the member out-of-state for emergent care. The medical record should document why the member was not transferred to another Georgia facility.

The referring in-state provider is required to request prior approval by documenting in writing the medical necessity of obtaining services out of state and providing the name and address of the out-of-state medical provider. The out-of-state provider is required to submit medical documentation to include a care plan and notification of discharge for evaluation of care to the Division's medical peer review contractor, Alliant Health Solutions. (Rev Jan 2010/Oct 2014)

For elective out-of-state prior approvals, a letter of financial agreement should be attached along with the letter of medical necessity. The financial letter of agreement should be submitted from the out-of- state provider notifying Georgia Medicaid that

financial responsibility has been determined for the out-of-state services being requested.

Reimbursement and coverage of out-of-state services is determined in accordance with the lesser of the following:

- 1037.4. Medicaid reimbursement amount for the state where the service was rendered, or
- 1037.5. 45% of the billed charges, or
- 1037.6. The current reimbursement for Georgia Medicaid enrolled physicians, as cited in Section 1001—Reimbursement Methodology.
- 1037.7. The out All services rendered to members out of state by providers not properly enrolled will be subject to prepayment review.
- 1037.8. Requests for prior approval or questions regarding out-of-state services must be directed to out-of-state providers who cannot obtain a prior authorization request.

**Out-of-State Processing**

Gainwell Technology/ Alliant Health Solutions Processing – Out of State PA Requests  
P.O. Box 105208

Atlanta, Georgia 30348

1-800-766-4456 (Toll free) Customer Service

Alliant Health Solutions fax line: 678-527-3003 (local)

Alliant Health Solutions fax line: 1-877-393-8226 (toll free)

- 1037.9. Out-of-state claims submitted for reimbursement must have a copy of the authorization letter attached if services were prior authorized or medical justification if the services were due to an emergency or life-endangering situation.
- 1037.10. Georgia Medicaid does not cover services provided in foreign countries. Rev Aug 2022

**1038. Psychiatric Services**

- 1038.1. Refer to the Psychology Manual for additional information for services to children under the age of 21 years of age. (Rev 01/2013) (Rev.10/2014)
- 1038.2. When billing for psychiatric services, the medical record must indicate the presence or signs of mental illness for which psychological testing is indicated as an aid in diagnosis and therapeutic planning. The medical record must show the test performed, scoring, and interpretation and the time involved. Rev Oct 2018/Jan 2019

**1038.2.1. Covered Services**

- 1038.2.1.1. Effective January 1,2019, Georgia Medicaid has expanded its list of Psychological/Neuropsychological services, which are limited to those services personally provided by the enrolled physician. Adaptive Behavior Assessments and Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing services that span more than eight hours per

member per calendar year. Only one hour per date of service can be billed. Services more than this limitation must provide documentation.

- 1038.2.1.2. Limitations as documented in the Psychology Manual apply regardless of previous physician treatment. Physicians should coordinate all aspects of care. Individual psychotherapy codes should only be used when treatment involves individual psychotherapy. These codes should not be used as generic psychiatric service codes when other codes (e.g., Evaluation and Management codes) would be more appropriate.
- 1038.2.1.3. Adaptive Behavior Assessments and Psychological/Neuropsychological services are allowable only for members receiving psychology and psychiatry, counseling and therapy services, the member's medical record must indicate the presence or signs of mental illness for which psychological testing is indicated as an aid in diagnosis and therapeutic planning.
- 1038.2.1.4. In order, for the provider to receive reimbursement for Adaptive Behavior Assessments and Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing services, providers must report the following codes:
- 96105: Assessment of Aphasia
  - 96125: Cognitive testing
  - 96112: Developmental test administration
  - 96113: Developmental test administration (each additional 30 minutes)
  - 96116: Neurobehavioral status examination
  - 96121: Neurobehavioral status examination (each additional 1 hour)
  - 96130: Psychological testing evaluation
  - 96131: Psychological testing evaluation (each additional 1 hour)
  - 96132: Neuropsychological testing evaluation
  - 96133: Neuropsychological testing evaluation (each additional 1 hour)
  - 96136: Psychological or neuropsychological test

administration

96137: Psychological or neuropsychological test administration (each additional 30 minutes)

96138: Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, two or more tests.

96139: Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, two or more tests (each additional 30 minutes)

96146: Psychological or neuropsychological automated testing

97151: Behavior identification assessment

97152: Behavior identification – supporting assessment

97153: Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol

97154: Group adaptive behavior treatment

97155: Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification

97156: Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance

97157: Multiple family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance

97158: Group adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification

90791: Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation  
Maximum of 1 per member per 3 calendar years.

90792: Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services  
Maximum of 24 units within one calendar year.

90870: Electroconvulsive therapy (includes necessary monitoring) 1 per day.

### 1038.3. Documentation Requirements

Documentation of the patient's capacity to participate in and to benefit from the therapy must be kept. The type of treatment must be documented in the patient medical records for each service rendered.

1038.3.1. An explanation of why the rendered therapy is the appropriate treatment must be documented. Rev Apr 2010

- 1038.3.2. The estimated duration of treatment, in terms of number of sessions be specified. Rev Sept 2010/Oct 2012
- 1038.3.3. For an acute problem, documentation must be included in the medical record that the treatment is expected to improve the health status or functioning of the patient.
- 1038.3.4. For chronic problems, documentation must be included in the medical record indicating that stabilization or maintenance of health status or function is expected.
- 1038.3.5. The medical record should document the target symptoms, the goals of therapy, and the methods of monitoring outcomes
- 1038.4. Limitations
  - 1038.4.1. Reimbursement for psychotherapy (90847 and 90853) is limited to a maximum of twelve hours per member per calendar year. Only one hour per date of service can be billed. Services in excess of this limitation may be available through local community mental health programs.
  - 1038.4.2. Reimbursement for electroconvulsive therapy is limited to twelve treatments per member per calendar year.
  - 1038.4.3. Reimbursement for family therapy service (90847) is limited to one Medicaid ID number, regardless of the number of covered family members participating in the family therapy session.
  - 1038.4.4. If medical rounds are made and no psychotherapy is performed, the psychiatrist may bill the most appropriate evaluation and management code.
  - 1038.4.5. Psychiatrists are limited to the supervision of no more than three qualified salaried employees.
- 1038.5. Non-Covered Services
  - 1038.5.1. No reimbursement will be made for any type of psychiatric, psychological, family therapy and group therapy services provided by other health care professionals, including but not limited to medical social workers, psychiatric nurses, physician assistants, or other physician extenders.
  - 1038.5.2. No reimbursement will be made for any type of psychiatric services provided to patients enrolled in the Therapeutic Residential Treatment program (see section 601.14 for additional information). See section 905 for additional information on non-covered service.

## **1039. Radiological Services**

Codes for radiological services have three formats: professional component, technical component,

and complete procedure. Not all procedures have all three components. In general, these components should be used as follows:

1039.1. Professional Component: (26 modifier)

Radiology services should be billed as professional components when:

- 1039.1.1. The physician provides only professional service for the procedure; or
- 1039.1.2. The service is provided in a hospital; or
- 1039.1.3. The technical portion of the service is performed by someone other than the physician's salaried employee.

1039.2. Technical Component: (TC modifier)

- 1039.2.1. Radiology services should be billed as technical components when the physician is providing the technical portion of the service only. This component has very limited application under current Medicaid policy.

1039.3. Radiology Component (FX modifier)

1039.4. Complete Procedure

- 1039.4.1. To bill for complete radiological procedures, which include charges for processing and developing the x ray (technical component) and evaluating the x ray (professional component), submit the codes as defined in the CPT without a modifier.
- 1039.4.2. The physician may bill for complete procedure when one of the conditions outlined in Section 601.5 is met.
- 1039.4.3. When billing for multiple identical radiology services performed on the same date of service, charges must be placed on only one line of the claim form with the number of X rays taken being placed in the "unit" space. To bill for identical bilateral procedures where there is not an all-inclusive code bill the procedure code with a 50 modifier' on one line indicating one unit of service. Use of the 50 modifiers will ensure correct payment for both procedures using the one code. However, if there is an all-inclusive procedure code for a bilateral procedure, the all-inclusive charge for the procedure will be reimbursed at the lower of 100% of the allowed amount or the submitted charge.

1039.5. Computerized Tomography - (CAT SCANS)

- 1039.5.1. The Division reimburses for medically necessary CAT scans.

1039.6. Low Osmolar Contrast Media

Payment will be made for medically necessary low osmola (non-trast material (LOCM) used in conjunction with intrathecal, intra-arterial, and intravenous radiological procedures provided for non-hospital patients. The physician's medical records must



support the medical necessity of low osmolar contrast material.

1039.6.1. The following procedure codes must be used when billing for Low Osmolar Contrast Media:

1039.6.1.1. Q9960 High Osmolar Contrast Material, 200-249 mg/ml Iodine Concentrate, per ml (replacement for A4645)

1039.6.1.2. Q9961 High Osmolar Contrast Material, 250-299 mg/ml, Iodine Contrast, per ml (replacement for A4645).

1039.6.1.3. Q9962 High Osmolar Contrast Material, 300-349 mg/ml, Iodine Concentration, per ml (replacement for A4646).

1039.6.1.4. Q9963 High Osmolar Contrast Material, 350-399 mg/ml, Iodine Contrast Material Concentration, per ml (replacement for A4646).

1039.6.1.5. Q9965 Low Osmolar Contrast Material, 100-199 MG/ML Iodine Concentration, per ML (replaces Q9946)

1039.7. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

1039.7.1. Medically necessary MRI is covered by the Division when CT scans or SPECT procedures are not definitive or appropriate. Only one MRI per day will be paid without submission of documentation for medical necessity. Reimbursement for follow-up visits by the radiologist is included in the reimbursement for the MRI. Please note that only enrolled Medicaid providers may be reimbursed for MRI procedures.

1039.7.2. CT scans or MRIs that do not require contrast, or are of lower acuity, may be done under the general supervision of the physician. CT scans and MRIs that require contrast, or are at an increased level of acuity, must be performed under the direct supervision of the physician.

1039.8. Portable X-ray and CT scan

1039.8.1. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of Community Health enacted a new policy for medically necessary portable radiological and CT scan services to GA Medicaid eligible members who are unable to travel to radiological facilities. These services are only considered for payment when they are medically necessary and ordered by the member's physician.

1039.8.2. The portable radiologic services will serve GA Medicaid members receiving home community-based services, skilled nursing facility services, home health, hospice services (POS 31,32 or 33) and eligible member's home (POS 12,13). The portable x-ray and CT scan services are only considered for payment when they are medically necessary and ordered by the member's primary care physician.

- 1039.8.3. Transportation of portable x-ray equipment is reimbursable only when the equipment used is transported to the location where portable x-ray and CT scan services are provided. GA Medicaid will not reimburse for the transportation of the portable x-ray equipment when the x-ray equipment is stored at a facility for use as needed.
- 1039.8.4. GA Medicaid will only pay for single transportation payments per trip to a facility or location for a single date of service. Therefore, providers should make every effort to schedule all members at a single location during a single trip to that location. If more than one member at the same location is x-rayed, the portable X-ray transportation fee is allocated among the members who receive portable X-ray services in a single trip.
- 1039.8.5. GA Medicaid reimburses procedure code R0075 (Transportation of portable X-ray equipment), per trip to facility or location for portable X-ray providers, more than one member seen. The Division also reimburses procedure code R0070 (Transportation of portable X-ray equipment), per trip to facility or location, one member seen.
- 1039.8.6. When submitting a claim for procedure code R0075, the provider is required to use a modifier to indicate the total number of Medicaid members served at the location. The provider is required to submit separate claims for each Medicaid member. A claim with procedure code R0075 will be denied if it is submitted without an appropriate modifier. Each claim for a single location and date of service must indicate the same x-ray transportation procedure code and modifier for all members seen during that visit.
- 1039.8.6.1. R0070 Portable x-ray equipment and personnel to the member's home or nursing home, per trip to a facility or other location.
- 1039.8.6.2. R0075 Transportation of portable x-ray equipment and personnel to home or nursing home, per trip to facility or location, more than one member seen, per trip to facility or location. The following modifiers are to be billed with R0075:
- Modifiers:  
(no modifier if one patient served)  
UN - Two patients served  
UP - Three patients served  
UQ - Four patients served  
UR - Five Patients served  
US - Six or more patients served
- 1039.8.7. The physician order must be written and ordered by the member's primary care physician before any portable x-rays and /or CT scan services are provided. The claim for reimbursement must indicate the name of the physician who ordered the service before payment may be made. The submitted claim with place of service in a facility, facility and

provider National Provider Identifier (NPI) is required.

- 1039.8.8. Portable X-ray services may be provided to a member in his or her place of residence. The member's place of residence is defined by the Division of Medicaid as the member's own dwelling, a residential care facility or nursing facility. Portable X-ray services are not covered in hospital settings.

**NOTE:** GA Medicaid will only pay for a single transportation payment per trip to a facility or location for a single date of service. Therefore, providers should make every effort to schedule all members at a single location during a single trip to that location.

- 1039.8.9. All providers, including their staff, contracted staff and volunteers must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements.

- 1039.8.10. The portable x-ray provider is responsible for determining whether a member is Medicaid eligible on the date of service.

- 1039.8.11. Portable x-ray providers must keep the following records for each member for a period of at least 7 years:

- 1039.8.11.1. A copy of the written, signed and dated order by the member's physician.

- 1039.8.11.2. The date of the x-ray examination

- 1039.8.11.3. The name of the physician who performed the professional interpretation of the procedure

- 1039.8.11.4. The date the radiograph was sent to the physician

- 1039.8.12. Portable x-ray providers will not be reimbursed for the following services:

- 1039.8.12.1. Procedures involving fluoroscopy.

- 1039.8.12.2. Procedures involving the use of contrast media

- 1039.8.12.3. Procedures requiring the administration of a substance to the member the injection of a substance, or the spinal manipulation of the member

- 1039.8.12.4. Procedures requiring special technical competencies and/or special equipment or materials

- 1039.8.12.5. Routine screening procedures such as annual physical

- 1039.8.12.6. Procedures which are not of a diagnostic nature, e.g., therapeutic x-ray treatments

- 1039.8.12.7. Set-up component (Level II HCPCS code Q0092) non-covered
- 1039.8.12.8. Portable X-ray services are not covered in hospital settings
- 1039.8.12.9. Annual x-rays

1039.9. Fee Schedule

Information regarding the Fee Schedule to be used for Portable X-rays and CT scan can be obtained on [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) following the links under “Provider Manual”, “Provider Information”, and “Fee Schedules.”

1039.10. Mammography

- 1039.10.1. All mammograms must be performed at a state certified facility, and the results must be interpreted by a physician certified by the American Board of Radiology, or the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, or certified as qualified to interpret the results of mammograms as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Division does not reimburse mobile or portable x-ray mammography units at home or on site.

Contact the office below with questions on obtaining certification.

Office of Regulatory Services  
Health Care Services  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334  
(404) 657-5407

- 1039.10.2. The Division must have an update and valid copy of your certification. Please fax new certification to Gainwell Technology at 1-866-483-1044 or 1-866-483-1045 or forward to: Rev Jul 2009

Prior Authorization & Pre-Certification  
Alliant Health Solutions  
(800) 766-4456 (Toll Free)  
[www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)

When billing for mammography on the CMS 1500 claim form, enter the radiology center’s 6 digits certification number on field 24a, with the preceding EW qualifier. Please refer to Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual for billing instructions.

**1040. Reduced Services (52 Modifier)**

- 1040.1. Under certain circumstances, a service or procedure is partially reduced or eliminated at the physician's election. Use of the 52 modifier signifies that service rendered has been reduced. Reimbursement will be reduced accordingly. Example: When the CPT states that all codes in a section are for a bilateral procedure, the 52 modifiers must be used to report the service if only a unilateral service was provided. Please see the current CPT manual for specific instructions on use of this modifier with specific codes. Failure to use the 52 modifiers appropriately will result in recoupment of payment.

**1041. Site of Service Differential**

- 1041.1. Services that are primarily performed in office settings will be subject to a reduction in reimbursement when performed in an inpatient, outpatient, emergency, or ambulatory surgery setting. The reduced reimbursement is calculated as part of RBRVs and is updated annually. Please see Appendix K for services that are subject to reduced reimbursement.

**1042. Supplies and Materials**

- 1042.1. Office medical supplies, except for drugs and certain supplies associated with performing the procedures shall be considered practice expenses which are included in the payment for the service to which they are incidental. No additional reimbursement will be made. Rev Apr 2011

**1043. Surgery**

- 1043.1. Foot care for members twenty-one years of age and older is limited to essential care, including but not restricted to, treatment for trauma or complications related to a chronic disease, such as diabetes.
- 1043.2. Elective surgeries for members twenty-one years of age and older for correction of conditions that have little or no substantial effect on the health status of the individual are not covered. Decisions on the urgent status of these conditions will be made by the Division's medical peer review contractor.
- 1043.3. Reimbursement for surgical procedures is based on the global fee where a single fee is billed, and reimbursement includes all necessary services normally furnished by the surgeon before, during, and after the procedure. Four modifiers (24, 25, 78, and 79) identify a service or procedure furnished during a global period that is not normally a part of the global fee.
- 1043.3.1. Major Surgery
- 1043.3.1.1. The initial evaluation or consultation by the surgeon will be paid separately from the global surgery package. The pre-operative period will include all pre-operative visits, in or out of the hospital, by the surgeon beginning the day before the surgery.
- 1043.3.1.2. Modifier QI has been deleted and replaced with modifier

57. Modifier 57 is to be used with the evaluation and management code for the visit or consultation the day prior or the day the decision for surgery is made. Modifier 57 cannot be used with minor surgeries.

1043.3.1.3. The global surgery fee includes all additional medical or surgical care required of the surgeon because of complications that do not require additional trips to the operating room. All medically necessary return trips to the operating room, for any reason and without regard to “fault,” shall be separately billed and paid at a reduced rate.

1043.3.1.4. The payment level for re-operations to deal with complications shall be set at the value of the intra-operative services being performed if there is a CPT code to describe these services. If no CPT code exists, the payment level may not exceed 50 percent of the value of the intra-operative services originally performed. (See also description of CPT modifier 78.)

1043.3.1.5. A standard 90-day post-operative period includes all services rendered by the surgeon during this period, unless the service is for a problem unrelated to the diagnosis for which the surgery was performed, or, is for an added course of treatment other than normal recovery from the surgery. (See also the description of CPT modifiers 24 and 79.) Immunosuppressive therapy following transplant surgery is not included in the global fee and will be paid separately. The global fee includes services such as dressing changes, local incisional care and removal of operative packs; removal of cutaneous sutures, staples, lines, wires, tubes, drains, casts, and splints; insertion, irrigation, and removal of urinary catheters, routine peripheral intravenous lines, nasogastric and rectal tubes; and change and removal of tracheostomy tubes.

1043.4. 90-Day Post-Operative Period, (major procedures)

1043.4.1. One day pre-operative included

1043.4.2. Day of the procedure is generally not payable as a separate service

1043.4.3. Total global period is 92 days. Count 1 day before the day of the surgery, the day of surgery, and the 90 days immediately following the day of surgery.

1043.5. Procedures with a 90-day post-operative follow-up period which are incident to major global surgery policy are listed at CMS Cahaba, located at [www.cahabagba.com](http://www.cahabagba.com). Rev Oct 2014

- 1043.5.1. Minor Surgery and Non-incisional Procedures
  - 1043.5.1.1. Minor surgeries and endoscopic procedures, no payment generally will be made for a visit on the same day in addition to the surgical procedure or endoscopy procedure identifiable service is furnished (see also description of CPT modifier 25). For example, a visit could properly be billed in addition to payment for suturing a scalp wound if a full neurological examination is made for a patient with head trauma. Billing for a visit is not appropriate if the evaluation consists solely of identifying the need for sutures and or confirming allergy and immunization status.
  - 1043.5.1.2. There is no post-operative period for endoscopic procedures performed through an existing body orifice. Procedures requiring an incision for insertion of a scope (e.g., a laparoscopic cholecystectomy) will be subject to either the major or minor surgical policy, whichever is appropriate. (Rev. 07/2016)
  - 1043.5.1.3. Minor surgeries have post-operative periods of 0 days or of 10 days. Reimbursement for surgeries within a 10-day post-operative period includes all post-operative services related to recovery from the surgery. Services rendered during the 10-day recovery period for treatment of the underlying condition will be paid for separately (see also description of CPT modifier 24). Minor surgeries with a 10-day post-operative period are listed in the current "CMS Cahaba Register."
- 1043.6. Zero Day Post-Operative Period (endoscopies and some minor procedures).
  - 1043.6.1. No pre-operative period
  - 1043.6.2. No post-operative days
  - 1043.6.3. Visit on day of procedure is generally not payable as a separate service
- 1043.7. 10-Day Post-Operative Period, (other minor procedures).
  - 1043.7.1. No pre-operative period
  - 1043.7.2. Visit on day of the procedure is generally not payable as a separate service
  - 1043.7.3. The total global period is 11 days. Count the day of the surgery and 10 days following the day of the surgery.
- 1043.8. Bilateral Procedures (Modifier 50)

1043.8.1. If identical bilateral procedures are performed at the same operative session, the first will be reimbursed at the lower of 100% of the allowed amount or the submitted charge, while the second will be reimbursed at the lesser of 50% of the allowed amount, or at the submitted charge. To bill for identical bilateral procedures where there is not an all-inclusive code, bill the procedure code with a “50” modifier on one line indicating one unit of service. Use of the “50” modifier will ensure correct payment for both procedures using the one code. However, if an all-inclusive procedure code for a bilateral procedure exists, the all-inclusive charge for the procedure will be reimbursed.

1043.9. Multiple Procedures

1043.9.1. If multiple surgical procedures add significant time or complexity to the surgery during the same operative session, each clearly identified and defined procedure shall be reimbursed according to the following:

- 1043.9.1.1. The first or major procedure: the lesser of 100% of the maximum allowed or of the submitted charge.
- 1043.9.1.2. The second procedure through the fifth procedure: the lesser of 50% of the maximum allowed amount or of the submitted charge.
- 1043.9.1.3. The subsequent procedures: the lesser of 25% of the maximum allowed amount or of the submitted charge.

Each individual surgical procedure for which reimbursement is being requested must be identified on separate lines on the claim form with an associated charge for each procedure. For the reimbursement methodology to be accurately applied, separate procedures must be arranged in order from major to minor on the CMS 1500 claim form, on field 24.

1043.10. Incidental Procedures

1043.10.1. Additional charges for incidental procedures performed while other services are rendered are not covered unless substantiated by medical documentation. Examples of such incidental procedures include an incidental appendectomy, incidental excision of scars, and lysis of adhesions. A diseased appendix surgically removed at the same time as another surgery will be reimbursed under the multiple surgery reimbursement policy. Evaluation and Management codes billed with minor procedure codes require medical documentation.

1043.11. Surgical Team

1043.11.1. Surgical services furnished by several physicians are reimbursed as if only one physician furnished all the services in the global package, and the multiple surgery regulations also apply.

1043.12. Co-Surgeons - (Modifier 62)



- 1043.12.1. Co-surgeons will be reimbursed one-half of 125% of the global fee. No payment will be made for an assistant-at-surgery.
- 1043.13. Surgical Assistant - (Modifier 80)
  - 1043.13.1. The upper limit of reimbursement for the assistant surgeon is 16% of the maximum allowable for the surgical procedure. The services of an assistant surgeon are not reimbursed for non-critical surgical procedures including but not limited to routine appendectomy, herniorrhaphy, or sterilization.

Reimbursement will not be made for an assistant-at-surgery when:

    - 1043.13.1.1. The specified surgery does not meet the guidelines for use of an assistant,
    - 1043.13.1.2. A resident was available to assist, or
    - 1043.13.1.3. An assistant at surgery was not medically necessary.
  - 1043.13.2. Claims for appropriate assistant surgeon charges must be billed by the enrolled physician who is performing at the surgery. The “type of service” code “8” - “Assistant at Surgery” must be placed on the claim form and the “80” modifier must be added to the procedure code.
  - 1043.13.3. The Division provides reimbursement for an assistant surgeon (modifier 80) according to guidelines set forth by the American College of Surgeons. The procedure codes billed must be the same as procedures codes billed by the primary surgeon.
  - 1043.13.4. If the surgeon is assisted by a physician’s assistant whose supervising physician is not enrolled with the Division for PA services, or a non-physician who is not separately enrolled as a certified Nurse Midwife or an Advanced Certified Nurse Practitioner, the charge for such service is not separately reimbursable but are included in the surgeon’s fee for the procedure.
- 1043.14. Surgery and Follow up Care Provided by Different Physicians (Modifier 54 and 55)
  - 1043.14.1. The total amount of all reimbursements for all practitioners who render parts of the services included in a global fee (and who bill using one of the modifiers 54 and 55) shall not exceed the total amount of the reimbursement that would have been paid to a single practitioner under the global fee for the procedure. Each physician will be paid directly for the portion of the global surgery services rendered, providing all parties utilize the appropriate modifiers. The surgeon renders the usual and necessary pre- and intra-operative services, and, with a few exceptions, the in-hospital post-operative services. When the surgeon transfers the outpatient recovery care to another health care provider, reimbursement will be adjusted in accordance with the weighted percentages for post-operative care as published on November 25, 1991, Federal Register.

- 1043.14.2. By referring to a patient to another health care provider, the surgeon agrees to accept the reduced reimbursement for the surgery. The surgeon must file the surgical procedure code with the 54-modifier. The follow-up care cannot be reimbursed until the surgery has been paid for. The provider rendering the follow-up care must bill the surgery procedure code once using the 55-modifier. If the surgery is not covered for any reason, the follow-up care is also not covered.
- 1043.14.3. Follow-up care must be completed (either 10- or 90-day global period) before the service is billed. The surgical code used by the operating physician with a modifier of 55 must be billed. Individual office visits are not reimbursable for follow-up surgical care.

**1043.15. Ambulatory Surgical Center Services**

- 1043.15.1. Certified freestanding ambulatory surgery centers are eligible to enroll in the Division's Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Program. ASCs are limited to providing surgical procedures that would otherwise be covered if performed in a hospital. Selected surgical procedures performed in an ASC setting may require preadmission certification or prior approval. The precertification or prior approval information must be obtained by the physician and given to the ASC prior to the performance of the surgical procedure. Physicians should contact local ASCs to obtain information regarding coverage and policies prior to scheduling surgical procedures.
- 1043.15.2. Failure to use the 54-modifier on the claim prevents payment to the provider rendering post-operative care. Please refer to the Ambulatory Surgery Manual for additional information.

**1044. Telemedicine Consultation**

See Appendix R and Telemedicine for additional information

**1045. Therapy Services**

Therapy services provided to members over the age of 21 are not covered under the Physician Services program. If the therapy services are part of the member's inpatient admission under precertification requirements and are determined to be medically necessary, the therapy service may be covered under the Hospital Services program (e.g., therapy services after a mastectomy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy). Please refer to the Children's Intervention Services (CIS) manual for therapy services for members under 21 years of age

**1046. Children's Intervention Services**

The CIS program is comprised of six intervention services that must be provided by licensed and enrolled practitioners, for members less than twenty-one years of age. The six services are: audiology, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling provided by licensed clinical social workers, and speech-language pathology. Qualified providers must be currently licensed as audiologists, clinical social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, registered nurses, or speech-language pathologists. Services provided through the CIS program must be billed under the

provider number of the enrolled professional personally performing the service. Please refer to the CIS manual.

**1047. Transplant Services**

Covered transplant services, including organ harvesting, may be billed to the Division if the individual receiving the transplant is eligible for Georgia Medicaid and is not eligible for Medicare services. For kidney transplant services, a copy of the Medicare letter denying the Georgia Medicaid member enrollment in the Medicare program must be submitted with the claim. Claims for members eligible to enroll in Medicare for kidney transplant services will not be reimbursed. For further information on transplant services, contact Gainwell Technology at 1-800-942-4623.

**1048. Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)**

Effective October 1, 1994, vaccines given to Medicaid eligible children will be covered only in accordance with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA '93). Certain immunization drugs for members 19-21 years of age are covered under the Physician Services Program. For further clarification regarding specific CPT immunization codes covered under the Health Check program, in conjunction with Vaccines for Children (VFC), refer to the Health Check Services Manual Appendix E, and the Physician Services Manual, Appendix B and C. (Rev 01/2026)

1048.1. Administration:

1048.1.1. Reimbursement for immunization drugs supplied by VFC and administered to children ages birth to 18 years of age, under the Health Check Program is not covered. Reimbursement is limited to the administration of the vaccine only.

**1049. Vision Care Service**

Refractive services are available to members under the age of twenty-one. All refractive services must be billed on the CMS 1500 claim form and in compliance with the Policies and Procedures for Vision Care Services. Ophthalmologists who render refractive services must enroll in both the Physician Services and in Vision Care Services programs.

**1050. Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act §6407, a face-to-face encounter with patients is required before physicians may certify eligibility for durable medical equipment (DME). Providers who are ordering, prescribing, or rendering, in any other manner supplying durable medical equipment, must comply with the Division's policy and documentation requirements for face-to-face encounters for initial and replacement durable medical equipment, supplies, and modifications. For additional information, refer to the Durable Medical Equipment manual.

**1051. Addiction Medicine**

Effective October 1, 2019, The Department of Community Health, Division of Medicaid announces the expansion of Services to include Addiction Medicine to combat the opioid crisis in part by potentially reducing opioid abuse and misuse. The Addiction Medicine services aim to reduce opioid

overdose misuse and abuse through prevention, counseling and behavioral therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders.

In order to receive reimbursement, the Addiction Medicine provider must have the following board certifications: American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM), subspecialty board certification in addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN), board certification in addiction medicine from the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) or a certification of added Qualification in Addiction Medicine conferred by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

## **1052. Service Restrictions**

### **1052.1. Sterilizations and Hysterectomies**

- 1052.1.1. In compliance with 42 CFR 441.250, the Division may reimburse for sterilizations and hysterectomies only if the following requirements are met:
- 1052.1.2. Sterilizations The individual is at least twenty-one years old when consent for sterilization is obtained.
- 1052.1.3. The individual is not mentally incompetent.
- 1052.1.4. The individual voluntarily gave informed consent in accordance with the provisions of this section, and a properly executed “Informed Consent for Voluntary Sterilization” form (DMA 69) is submitted with the claim.
- 1052.1.5. At least 30 days, not more than 180 days, have passed between the date of informed consent and the date of the sterilization, except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery. An individual may consent to be sterilized at the time of a premature delivery, if the premature delivery occurs before 37 weeks of gestation per the ACOG guidelines, or emergency abdominal surgery if at least seventy-two hours have passed since informed consent for the sterilization was given. In the case of premature delivery, the informed consent must be given at least thirty days before the expected date of delivery. The expected date of delivery must be provided on the DMA-69 form.
- 1052.1.6. Interpreters must be provided when language barriers exist; and arrangements must be made to communicate the required information to an individual who is blind, deaf, or otherwise handicapped; and,
- 1052.1.7. The individual was not institutionalized in a correctional facility, mental hospital, or other rehabilitative facility.
- 1052.1.8. The Division cannot reimburse for sterilization, hysterectomies, or abortions without documentation required in 42 CFR 441.206 and 42 CFR 441.256. The Division does not accept documentation for informed consent completed or altered after the service was rendered.

1052.2.     Hysterectomies

- 1052.2.1.     The hysterectomy must have been rendered for medical necessity, and not for the purpose of family planning, sterilization, hygiene, or mental retardation.
- 1052.2.2.     The individual is informed prior to the hysterectomy that she will be permanently incapable of reproducing (this does not apply if the individual was sterile prior to the hysterectomy, or in the case of an emergency hysterectomy);
- 1052.2.3.     The individual and the attending physician sign the “Patient’s Acknowledgement of Prior Receipt of Hysterectomy Information” form DMA 276 (6/84) either before or after the surgery is performed (the individual is not required to sign in the cases of prior sterility or emergency hysterectomy); and
- 1052.2.4.     The properly executed “Patient’s Acknowledgement of Prior Receipt of Hysterectomy Information” is attached to the claim form submitted to the Division.
- 1052.2.5.     The Division and the Medicaid program cannot reimburse sterilization, hysterectomies, or abortions without documentation required in 42 CFR 441.206 and 42 CFR 441.256. The Division does not accept documentation for informed consent completed or altered after the service was rendered.

**1053.     Abortions**

- 1053.1.     In accordance with federal regulations and a recent congressionally enacted revision to the Hyde Amendment, the Division will reimburse for abortions performed on Medicaid-eligible patients only if the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term, or if the mother was a victim of rape or incest.
- 1053.2.     A “Certification of Necessity for Abortion” (Form DMA-311) certifying the above must be properly executed and attached to the claim form when submitted to the Division. Form DMA-311 applies to surgical and non-surgical abortion procedures, such as the use of mifepristone 200 mg (RU486), when used for abortion purposes. In compliance with 42 CFR 441.206, this documentation is required for “any expenditures for abortions or other medical procedures otherwise provided for under Sec. 441.203...,” which will include associated services such as lab tests or ultrasound studies.

**1054.     Supply of Forms**

- 1054.1.     A supply of the “Informed Consent for Voluntary Sterilization” (DMA 69), the “Patient’s Acknowledgement of Prior Receipt of Hysterectomy Information” (DMA 276), the “Certification of Necessity for Abortion” (DMA 311) and “Prior Approval for Medical Services” (DMA 81) forms may be obtained from the Division’s fiscal agent at [www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal). These forms are the only forms accepted by the Division for the reimbursement of sterilizations, hysterectomies, abortions, and prior

approved medical services.

- 1054.2. The Division and the Medicaid program cannot reimburse sterilization, hysterectomies, or abortions without documentation required in 42 CFR 441.206 and 42 CFR 441.256. The Division does not accept documentation for informed consent completed or altered after the service was rendered.

**1055. Colorectal Cancer Screening**

- 1055.1. The Division will cover colorectal cancer screening tests or procedures for early detection of colorectal cancer. Coverage of the colorectal cancer-screening test includes the following procedures:

- 1055.1.1. Screening fecal-occult blood test,
- 1055.1.2. Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy,
- 1055.1.3. Screening colonoscopy for high-risk individuals and
- 1055.1.4. Screening barium enema as an alternative to a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy

- 1055.2. The following HCPCS and CPT codes have been established for these services:

- 1055.2.1. G0104 – Colorectal cancer screening; flexible sigmoidoscopy
- 1055.2.2. G0105 – Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on an individual at high risk. Rev Jan 2010
- 1055.2.3. G0106 Colorectal cancer screening; barium enema as an alternative to G0104, screening sigmoidoscopy
- 1055.2.4. G0120 – Colorectal cancer screening; as an alternative to G0105, screening colonoscopy
- 1055.2.5. 82270 – Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (e.g., guaiac), qualitative; feces, consecutive collected specimens with single determination, for colorectal neoplasm screening (i.e., patient was provided 3 cards or single triple cards for consecutive collection)

- 1055.3. Limitations:

- 1055.3.1. Screening flexible sigmoidoscopies (G0104) are covered once every 48 months for members 50 years of age and older. If during this procedure a lesion or growth is detected that results in a biopsy or removal of the growth, the appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as a flexible sigmoidoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed, not G0104. This screening must be performed by a Doctor of Medicine or osteopathy.
- 1055.3.2. Screening colonoscopies (G0105) are covered at a frequency of every 24 months for members at high risk for colorectal cancer. If during this procedure a lesion or growth is detected which results in a biopsy or

removal of the growth, the appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as a colonoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed, not G0105. A Doctor of Medicine or osteopathy must perform this screening.

- 1055.3.3. High risk for colorectal cancer means an individual has one or more of the following:
  - 1055.3.3.1. A close relative (sibling, parent, or child) who has had colorectal cancer or an adenomatous polyposis.
  - 1055.3.3.2. A family history of familial adenomatous polyposis.
  - 1055.3.3.3. A family history of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer.
  - 1055.3.3.4. A personal history of adenomatous polyps.
  - 1055.3.3.5. A personal history of colorectal cancer; or
  - 1055.3.3.6. Inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's Disease, and Ulcerative Colitis.
- 1055.3.4. Screening barium enema examinations (G0106 and G0120) are covered as an alternative to either a screening sigmoidoscopy or a screening colonoscopy. The same frequency parameters specified for screening sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy applies.
- 1055.3.5. Screening fecal-occult blood test is covered once every 12 months for members 50 years of age and older.

## **1056. Non-Covered Services**

- 1056.1. The services and procedures listed below are not covered by the Division under the Physician Program. This list is representative of services and procedures that are not covered, and is not meant to be exhaustive:
  - 1056.1.1. Therapeutic injections except those contained in the Physicians Injectable Drug List.
  - 1056.1.2. Acupuncture.
  - 1056.1.3. Biofeedback, hypnotherapy, sleep therapy, and all services listed in the CPT under "Other Psychiatric Therapy".
  - 1056.1.4. All procedures listed in the CPT or HCPCS description as "Unlisted" or "Unspecified" which end in "99".
  - 1056.1.5. Services billed using non-covered CPT or HCPCS codes.
  - 1056.1.6. Educational supplies, medical testimony, special reports, travel by the physician, no show or canceled appointments, additional allowances for services provided after office hours or between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

or on Sundays or holidays, calls, visits or consultations by telephone and other related services.

- 1056.1.7. Routine lab and x ray services required on hospital admissions.
- 1056.1.8. Biofeedback or hypnotherapy.
- 1056.1.9. Services provided free of charge to Medicaid members by County Health Divisions or State Laboratories (e.g., metabolic screens for members under one year of age).
- 1056.1.10. Investigational items and experimental services, drugs or procedures or those not recognized by the Federal Drug Administration, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare, and the Division's medical peer review contractor as universally accepted treatment.
- 1056.1.11. Services or procedures performed without regard to the policies contained in this Policy Manual.
- 1056.1.12. Services normally provided free of charge to indigent patients, e.g., free clinics.
- 1056.1.13. Hospital visits to members awaiting placement in a nursing home, unless medically necessary.
- 1056.1.14. Hospital visits if the hospital admission or length of stay is disallowed by the Hospital Utilization Review staff or the Division.
- 1056.1.15. Services provided in a State-owned facility; drugs used in the physician's office or dispensed by the physician except those injectables authorized on the Physicians Injectable Drug List.
- 1056.1.16. Tubal reanastomosis.
- 1056.1.17. ESRD dialysis Services for Medicare-Only members.
- 1056.1.18. Hospital admissions and daily visits for maintenance dialysis.
- 1056.1.19. Office visits for maintenance dialysis; insertion or removal of catheters or shunt declotting for dialysis patients enrolled in the Dialysis Services Program.
- 1056.1.20. Penile prosthesis.
- 1056.1.21. Psychiatric Pharmacologic Management (CPT code 90862).
- 1056.1.22. Infertility procedures and related services.
- 1056.1.23. Hermography.
- 1056.1.24. Substance Abuse Clinic Services.



- 1056.1.25. Vaccines for members less than nineteen years of age that are available through the VFC Program.
- 1056.1.26. Sensitivity training, encounter groups, or workshops.
- 1056.1.27. Sexual competency training.
- 1056.1.28. Education testing and diagnosis.
- 1056.1.29. Marriage or guidance counseling.
- 1056.1.30. Psychiatric services rendered through, by or in mobile units or facilities other than the physician's office, nursing facility, or acute care hospital (non-psychiatric). A mobile unit shall not constitute a physician's office for psychiatric services.
- 1056.1.31. Interactive psychotherapy.
- 1056.1.32. Psychiatric services are provided to patients in Therapeutic Residential Treatment programs.
- 1056.1.33. Chiropractic Services (not applicable to Chiropractic Services covered by Medicare as a primary carrier).
- 1056.1.34. Provider Preventable Conditions (PPCs), Never Events (NEs), and Hospital Acquired Conditions (HACs). "If any physician is found to be involved in a HAC/Never Event adverse situation affecting an enrolled Medicaid member, all associated and billable charges will be recouped for the days involving the incident". (Refer to Appendix Y for details related to PPCs, NEs, and HACs).

To appeal non-covered medically necessary services, call 1-800-766-4456, or email a request via the Web Portal ([www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)), and select "Contact Us"

## **Chapter 1000: Basis For Reimbursement**

### **1057. Reimbursement Methodology**

The Division will pay the lower of the physician's lowest price regularly and routinely offered to any segment of the public for the same service or item on the same date of service, or the lowest price charged to other third-party payers, or the statewide maximum allowable reimbursement amount allowed for the procedure code reflecting the service rendered. Effective with dates of service July 1, 2003, the statewide maximum allowable reimbursement is 84.645% of the 2000 Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) as specified by Medicare for Georgia Area 1 (Atlanta). All procedure codes recognized and adopted after the 2000 RBRVS are subject to the same level of reimbursement.

Services provided by a physician's assistant are limited to no more than 90% of the maximum allowable amount paid to a physician.

The Division's Schedule of Maximum Allowable Payments (by procedure code) is available at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)

### **1058. This is not a fee schedule**

As required in section 601.4 physicians must bill the lowest price regularly and routinely offered to any segment of the public for the same service or item on the same date of service, or the lowest price charged to other third-party payers for the procedure code most closely reflecting the service rendered.

### **1059. Medicare Crossover Claims**

Policies and Procedures for Medicaid PeachCare for Kids Part 1 Manual Division state that payments for Medicare coinsurance and deductible obligations are limited to the Medicaid maximum allowable payment. The Division will modify its claim payment system to apply this policy effectively with payments made on and after October 1, 2000, as follows:

### **1060. Physician Services**

- 1060.1. The Medicaid maximum allowable payment is the amount from the Division's Schedule of Maximum Allowable Payments for each applicable procedure code.
- 1060.2. The Medicare coinsurance and deductible amounts for a claim are compared to the sum of the Medicaid maximum allowable amounts for each procedure code minus the Medicare payment.
- 1060.3. The actual Medicaid payment will be the lower of the amounts in item 2, less applicable third-party liabilities and patient co-payments.

These changes would apply to services provided to all patients dually eligible for the Medicaid and Medicare programs, including Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

1061.     **Contact Information**

- 1061.1.     Gainwell Technology  
Member and Provider Correspondence  
Gainwell Technology  
P.O. Box 105200  
Tucker, GA. 30085-5200  
Fax: (866) 483-1045
  
- 1061.2.     Provider Enrollment  
  
Access online at [www.MMIS.Georgia.gov](http://www.MMIS.Georgia.gov)
  
- 1061.3.     Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)  
  
1-800-987-6715  
Asynchronous  
Web Portal  
Physical media  
Network Data Mover (NDM)  
Systems Network Architecture (SNA)  
Transmission Control Protocol/  
Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)
  
- 1061.4.     Provider Inquiry Number:  
1-800-766-4456
  
- 1061.5.     The web contact address is:  
<http://www.mmis.georgia.gov>

## Appendix A Medical Assistance Eligibility Certification

### A. Medicaid & PeachCare for Kids Member Identification Card Sample

This card replaces former member ID cards for both FFS Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids Plans.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

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**Member ID #: 123456789012**  
Member: Joe Q Public  
Card Issuance Date: 12/01/02

**Primary Care Physician:** Dr. Jane Q Public  
285 Main Street  
Suite 2859  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Phone: (123) 123-1234 X1234

**Plan:** Georgia Better Health Care  
**After Hours:** (123) 123-1234 X1234

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Verify Eligibility at [www.nnmis.georgia.gov](http://www.nnmis.georgia.gov)

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If member is enrolled in a managed care plan, contact that plan for specific claim filing and prior authorization information.

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| <b>HP Enterprise Services</b><br>Member: Box 105200<br>Provider: Box 105201<br>Tucker, GA 30083<br>Prior Authorization:<br>1455 Lincoln Parkway, Suite 300<br>Atlanta, GA 30346 | <b>Payor: For Non-Managed Care Members</b><br>Customer Service: 1-800-766-4456 (Toll Free)<br>SXC, Inc.<br>Rx BIN-001533<br>Rx PCN-GAM<br>SXC Rx Prior Auth<br>1-866-525-5827 | <b>Mail Drug Claims to:</b><br>SXC Health Solutions, Inc.<br>P.O. Box 3214<br>Lisle, IL 60553-8214<br>Rx Provider Help Line<br>1-866-525-5826 |
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This card is for identification purposes only, and does not automatically guarantee eligibility for benefits and is non-transferable.

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**Note: Providers are required to verify member eligibility prior to rendering service before each visit.**

### B. Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) Eligibility

Currently, immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, who would be eligible for Medicaid except for their immigrant status, are potentially eligible for Emergency Medical Assistance. This includes persons who are aged, blind, disabled, pregnant women, children, or parents of dependent children who meet eligibility criteria. Services rendered to Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) recipients are limited to emergency care only. As described in the Federal Regulations 1903 (v) of the Social Security Act and the Code of Federal Regulation 42 CFR 440.255 emergency services are those that are:

- i. Medically necessary.
- ii. Result from the sudden onset of a health condition with acute symptoms, and,
- iii. In the absence of immediate medical attention, are reasonably likely to result in at least one of the following:

1. Placing the individual's health in serious jeopardy:
2. Serious impairment to bodily functions:
3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part:

A physician must verify that the service has been rendered. The physician verifies emergency medical services by completing DMA Form 526, "Physician's Statement for Emergency Medical Assistance". The form must be submitted to the County Department of Family and Children Services or out stationed Medicaid Worker as part of the Medicaid eligibility determination.

Except for emergency labor and delivery services only (prenatal and postpartum care is not covered) all claims for services provided to members eligible under the Emergency Medical Assistance program will be reviewed by the Alliant Health Solutions on a case-by-case basis. Provider claims must be submitted with documentation that supports the emergent nature of the services provided.

## **Appendix B**

### **Vaccines for Children Program**

#### **A. Immunization - Vaccines for Children (VFC) General**

The new federal vaccine program will provide you with free vaccines to be used for all children under nineteen years old except those who have insurance, which covers immunizations. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 93) created the funding for this program called Vaccines for Children (VFC).

iv. The Georgia VFC program will supply vaccines for the following:

1. Children enrolled in Medicaid or qualified through a Medicaid waiver
2. Children who do not have health insurance.
3. Children who are American Indian or Alaskan Native
4. Children who have health insurance, but vaccines are not a covered benefit; and
5. Children enrolled in Peach Care for kids.

The State Department of Public Health will be responsible for enrolling physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners and nurse midwives into the program and processing the vaccine orders.

All physicians, physician's assistants, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners who provide immunization services must enroll in the Vaccines for Children program and provide immunizations to Medicaid eligible children whose ages are birth through eighteen (18) years of age.

#### **B. Enrollment**

Providers who give immunizations to Medicaid children must be enrolled in the VFC program. Providers who wish to enroll must complete the Provider Enrollment Form, the Provider Profile and the Vaccine Order Form and return to:

Georgia Immunization Program  
P. O. Box 949  
Atlanta, Georgia 30301-0949  
Number: (404) 657-5013 or toll free 1-800-848-3868

Providers in Group Practices need only complete one Enrollment Form. However, a copy of the license of each provider must be attached to the Enrollment Form. A Provider Profile must be completed for each location (separate office, clinic, etc.) where immunizations are given.

Each individual provider must attach a copy of their license to the enrollment form. Questions regarding enrollment, vaccine orders and record keeping should be directed to the Georgia Immunization Program.

For a complete list of procedure codes to bill for Immunizations (ages birth up to 19 years), Tuberculin Skin Tests and Blood Lead Tests, please refer to the Health Check Services program manual. Bill only Health Check Program procedure codes on the same claim form. Bill other Medicaid program (i.e.,

Physician Services Program, etc.) procedure codes on a separate CMS 1500 Claim Form.

**C. COVID-19 Vaccine Administration**

All physicians, physician's assistants, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners that provide COVID-19 Vaccine Administrations and Monoclonal Antibodies must be enrolled Medicaid providers. For further clarification regarding COVID-19 vaccination and administration codes covered under the Physician Services program, in conjunction with Vaccines for Children (VFC), please refer to the Provider Administered Drug List (PADL) manual for vaccination pricing information.

## Appendix C

### Vaccines Covered in the Physician and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Service Programs

| CPT Code | Vaccines  | Age Restriction                    | Diagnosis Restriction  |
|----------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 90378    | Palivizumab (Synagis) 50mg vial<br><i>Effective 10/2006, PA required prior to administering.</i>  | Limited to newborns to age 3 years | Usage is limited to perinatal chronic respiratory disease and low birth weight |
| 90585    | Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)<br>For tuberculosis, live, for percutaneous use  | None                               | None   |
| 90586    | Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)<br>For bladder cancer, live, for intravesical use  | None                               | None   |
| 90632    | Hepatitis A Vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use  | Limited to age 21 and older        | None   |
| 90633    | Hepatitis A Vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage - 2 dose schedule, for intramuscular use   | Limited to age 19 to 21 years      | None   |
| 90634    | Hepatitis A Vaccine, Pediatric/adolescent dosage-3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use   | Limited to age 19 to 21 years      | None   |
| 90636    | Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccine (HepA-HepB), adult dosage, for intramuscular use  | Limited to age 21 and older        | None   |
|          |   |                                    |  |
| 90649    | Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine, Types 6, 11, 16, 18 (Quadrivalent), 3 dose schedule, for IM use [Gardasil]                           | Limited to age 9-21 years          | None   |
| 90650    | Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine, Types 16, 18 Bivalent, 3 doses schedule, for intramuscular use [Cervarix]                            | Limited to age 21-26 years         | None   |
| 90651    | Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58, Nonavalent (HPV), 3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use [Gardasil] | Limited to ages 21-45 years        | None   |
| 90656    | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use        | Limited to age 3 years and older   | None   |
| 90675    | Rabies vaccine, for intramuscular use   | None                               | None   |
| 90707    | Measles, mumps and rubella virus vaccine (MMR), live, for subcutaneous or jet injection use   | Limited to age 19 to 21 years      | None   |
|          |   |                                    |  |
| 90713    | Poliovirus vaccine, inactivated, (IPV), for subcutaneous use  | Limited to age 19 to 21 years      | None   |
| 90714    | TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS (TD) ADSORBED, PRESERVATIVE FREE, WHEN ADMINISTERED TO INDIVIDUALS 7 YEARS OR OLDER, FOR INTRAMUSCULAR USE | Limited to age 19 and older        | None   |
| 90715    | TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINE (TDAP), WHEN ADMINISTERED TO INDIVIDUALS 7                                    | Limited to 19 and older            | None   |



| CPT Code | Vaccines  | Age Restriction                      | Diagnosis Restriction                                |
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|          | YEARS OR OLDER, FOR INTRAMUSCULAR USE   |                                      |  |
| 90716    | Varicella virus (Chicken Pox) vaccine, live, for subcutaneous use   | None                                 | None   |
| 90732    | Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use | Limited to age 50 to 99 years        | None   |
| 90733    | Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any group(s)), for subcutaneous or jet injection use                                      | Limited to age 1 and older           | None   |
| 90736    | ZOSTER (SHINGLES) Vaccine, live, for SQ injection (Zostvac)   | Over age 60                          | None   |
| 90746    | Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use  | Limited to age 21 to 999 years       | None   |
| 90747    | Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use                       | None                                 | Usage is limited to renal failure and AIDS diagnoses |
| 90748    | <i>Hepatitis B &amp; Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (HepB-Hib), for intramuscular use</i>                                       | <i>Limited to age 19 to 21 years</i> | <i>None</i>  |

## **Appendix D**

### **Health Check and Adult Preventive Visit**

The mission of the Department of Community Health (Department) goal is to improve the health outcomes of our enrolled Medicaid members by allowing them to establish a medical home and receive preventive health services.

#### **A. Health Check**

The Health Check program is Georgia Medicaid's well-child or preventive health care program for children birth to twenty-one (21) years of age. It is the early and periodic screening, (EPS) component of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program. EPSDT is the result of a 1967 Amendment of Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which directed attention to the importance of preventive health services for children. The Medicaid manual for the Health Check program covers the screening (EPS) policies and procedures for well-child check-ups. The screening consists of a comprehensive unclothed physical examination, a comprehensive health and developmental history, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, measurements, age-appropriate vision and hearing tests, certain laboratory procedures and lead risk assessment. Providers must use the preventive visit codes (99381-99385, 99391-99395) for Medicaid-eligible and PeachCare for Kids® (PCK)-eligible children. All preventive visits must be coded with the EP modifier and appropriate diagnosis code.

NOTE: Please refer to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT) Health Check Manual for children who birth to twenty-one (21) years of age for specific details.

#### **B. Adult Preventive Visit**

Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of Community Health will implement one adult preventive visit for members 21 years of age and older. The members will have access to one preventive health visit each calendar year (CY) and 10 office visits (Evaluation and Management codes 99201 - 99215) each CY. Additional office visits (above the 10 visits) will still be available based upon documentation and supporting medical necessity that must be sent to Alliant Health Solutions for review. Providers may bill ONE (1) preventive health visit (993XX) for a member annually (between January and December of the CY). Providers must use one of the following ICD-10 diagnosis codes when billing the preventive health visit code: Z00.00 or Z00.01 (Encounter for adult examination). Each member is allowed 10 office visits (992XX) per CY without prior authorization.

The following preventive procedure codes and services are available for reimbursement for adult preventive annual visit:

- i. Adult preventive services provide reimbursement for the following preventive health services:
  1. 99385 or 99395 - (Adults 21 through 39 years of age).
  2. 99386 or 99396 - (Adults 40 through 64 years of age)
  3. 99387 or 99397 - (Adults 65 years and older)

Adult preventive services benefits include, but are not limited to the following:

**C. Immunization:**

- i. Influenza vaccination \*
- ii. Pneumococcal vaccination\*
- iii. Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) \*
- iv. Zoster vaccination
- v. Hepatitis A & B
- vi. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) \*
- vii. Meningococcal
- viii. Varicella \*
- ix. Human papillomavirus (HPV) for Women and Men \*

**D. Screening**

- i. Breast cancer screening \*
- ii. Testicular and Prostate screening \*
- iii. Cervical cancer screening \*
- iv. Colorectal cancer screening \*
- v. Cholesterol screening \*
- vi. Body Mass Index (BMI) \*
- vii. Diabetes
- viii. Hearing Assessment
- ix. Vision (Glaucoma)
- x. Lipid Disorders
- xi. Osteoporosis
- xii. Smoking Cessation

\* Adult Preventive HEDIS measures, as defined by National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

## **Appendix E**

### **Prior Approval and/or Prepayment Review**

Procedures and services listed in Appendix E require a PA regardless of age or place of service. Certain services may also be subject to pre-payment review.

Prior approval (PA) for certain procedures may be completed telephonically, while others are limited to written or web submission only. For further information, contact Gainwell Technology (800) 766-4456 (Toll free).

The following list of procedure codes is not intended by exhaustive-due to the CPT code revisions occurring throughout the year. The list of procedure codes is not all inclusive. All procedures that fall into the general categories or family of code-listed in Section 801 must be prior approved.

## Appendix E - Procedures Which Require Prior Approval

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| Integumentary System. Rev 07/08                  |       |  |
| Skin, Subcutaneous, and Accessory Structures     |       |  |
| Excision-Benign Lesions. Rev 12/09               |       |  |
| Face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane | 11440 | Excision, other benign lesion including margins, except skin tag (unless listed elsewhere), face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; excised diameter 0.5cm or less |
|  | 11441 | excised diameter 0.6 to 1.0 cm   |
|  | 11442 | excised diameter 1.1 to 2.0 cm   |
|  | 11443 | excised diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm   |
|  | 11444 | excised diameter 3.1 to 4.0 cm   |
|  | 11446 | excised diameter over 4.0 cm   |
| Correct color defects of skin                    | 11920 | Tattooing, intradermal introduction of insoluble opaque pigments to correct color defects of skin, including micropigmentation; 6.0 sq cm or less                            |
|  | 11921 | 6.1 to 20 sq cm  |
| Each additional                                  | 11922 | each additional 20.0 sq. cm or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)  |
| Insertion of tissue                              | 11960 | Insertion of tissue expander(s) for other than breast, including subsequent expansion  |
| Replacement of tissue                            | 11970 | Replacement of tissue expander with permanent prosthesis   |
| Repair (Closure)                                 |       |  |
|  | 15778 | Implantation of absorbable mesh or prosthesis for delayed closure  |
|  | 15780 | Dermabrasion; total face   |
|  | 15781 | Less than face (cheeks, chin, forehead or nose)  |
|  | 15782 | Regional; other than face  |
|  | 15832 | Thigh  |
|  | 15833 | Leg  |
|  | 15834 | Hip  |
|  | 15835 | Buttock  |
|  | 15836 | Arm  |

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|   | 15837 | Forearm and hand  |
|   | 15838 | Submental fat pad   |
|   | 15879 | Other area  |
| Destruction, Benign, Align Lesions  | 17106 | Destruction of cutaneous vascular proliferative lesions, less than 10 sq cm   |
|   | 17107 | 10.0 to 50 sq cm  |
|   | 17108 | Over 50.0 sq cm   |
| Breast Rev 12/09  |       |   |
| Mastectomy Procedure Rev 12/09  | 19300 | Mastectomy of gynecomastia  |
| Repair and/or Reconstruction Rev 12/09  | 19316 | Mastopexy   |
|   | 19318 | Reduction Mammoplasty   |
|   | 19324 | Mammoplasty, augmentation, without prosthetic implant   |
|   | 19325 | With prosthetic implant   |
| When requesting prior approval on the above specific procedures, photos must be forwarded with your request for prior approval. |       |   |
|   | 19340 | Immediate insertion of breast prostheses following mastopexy, mastectomy or in reconstruction                             |
|   | 19342 | Delayed insertion of breast prosthesis following mastopexy, mastectomy or in reconstruction                               |
|   | 19350 | Nipple/areola reconstruction  |
|   | 19357 | Breast reconstruction, immediate or delay, with tissue expander including subsequent expansion                            |
|   | 19361 | Breast reconstruction with latissimus dorsi flap, without prosthetic implant  |
|   | 19364 | Breast reconstruction with free flap  |
|   | 19366 | Breast reconstruction with other technique  |
|   | 19367 | Breast reconstruction with traverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap, single pedicel, including closure of donor site   |
|   | 19368 | With microvascular anastomosis  |
|   | 19369 | Breast reconstruction with transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous flap, double pedicel, including closure of donor site |
|   | 19380 | Revision of reconstructed breast  |

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|  | 21195                     | Reconstruction of mandibular rami and/or body, sagittal split; without internal rigid fixation    |
|  | 21196                     | With internal rigid fixation<br>Osteotomy, mandible, segmental;                                   |
|  | 21198                     | With genisoglossus advancement  |
| Neck (Soft Tissues) and thorax – Repair, Revision, and/or Reconstruction | 21740                     | Reconstructive repair of pectus excavatum carinatum; open   |
|  | 21742                     | Minimally invasive approach (Nuss procedure, without thoracoscopy)                                |
|  | 21743                     | Minimally invasive approach (Nuss procedure), with thoracoscopy                                   |
| Forearm and Wrist – Vertebroplasty and Vertebral Augmentation            | 22510                     | Injection of bone cement, middle spine  |
|  | 22511                     | Injection of bone cement, lumbosacral   |
|  | 22512                     | Injection of bone cement, Middle of lower spine   |
|  | 22513                     | Injection of bone cement, middle spine  |
|  | 22514                     | Injection of bone cement, lumbar  |
|  | 22515                     | Injection of bone cement, thoracic or lumbar  |
| Arthrodesis  | 25830                     | Arthrodesis, distal radioulnar joint with segmental resection of ulna, with or without bone graft |
| For Leg (Tibia and Fibula), Ankle joint Arthrodesis                      | See CPT codes 27685-27745 |   |
|  | 22836                     | Anterior thoracic vertebral body tethering, including   |

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|                          |       | thoracoscopy, up to 7 vertebral segments  |
|                          | 22837 | Anterior thoracic vertebral body tethering, including thoracoscopy  |
|                          | 22838 | Or more vertebral segments  |
|                          | 22867 | Revision, replacement, or removal of thoracic vertebral body tethering, including thoracoscopy when performed   |
|                          | 22869 | Insertion of inter laminar stabilization device into lower spine with open decompression  |
|                          | 27278 | Insertion of inter laminar stabilization device into lower spine at single level  |
|                          | 27458 | Unilateral femur osteotomy (bone cut) for lengthening or shortening, involving the surgical insertion of an externally controlled intramedullary device.        |
|                          | 27713 | Osteotomy, tibia, including fibula when performed, unilateral, with insertion of an externally controlled intramedullary lengthening device, including imaging. |
|                          | 27870 | Arthrodesis, sacroiliac joint   |
|                          | 27871 | Arthrodesis, tibiofibular joint, proximal or distal   |
|                          | 28035 | Decompression of Tibia Nerve  |
| Foot and Toes – Excision | 28130 | Talectomy (astragalectomy)  |
|                          | 28140 | Metatarsectomy  |

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|  | 28150 | Phalangectomy, toe, each toe |
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|  | 28153 | Resection, condyle(s), distal end of phalanx, each toe  |
|  | 28160 | Hemiphalangectomy or interphalangeal joint excision, toe, proximal end of phalanx, each                             |
|  | 28261 | With tendon lengthening   |
|  | 28262 | Extensive, including posterior talotibial capsulotomy and tendon(s) lengthening                                     |
|  | 28264 | Capsulotomy, midtarsal (Heyman type procedure)  |
|  | 28270 | Capsulotomy; metatarsophalangeal joint, with or without tenorrhaphy, single, each joint (separate procedure)        |
|  | 28272 | Interphalangeal joint, each joint (separate procedure)  |
|  | 28280 | Syndactylization, surgical procedure to treat conditions where toes are partially or completely fused together.     |
|  | 28285 | Correction, (e.g., interphalangeal fusion, partial or total phalangectomy)  |
|  | 28286 | Correction, cock-up fifth toe, with plastic skin closure e.g. RuizMora type procedure)                              |
|  | 28290 | Correction, hallux valgus (bunion), with or without sesamoidectomy; simple exostectomy (e.g. Silver type procedure) |
|  | 28291 | Correction of ridged deformity of first joint or big toe using implant  |
|  | 28292 | Correction of bunion, also known as hallux valgus.  |

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|  | 28293 | Resection of joint with implant   |
|  | 28294 | With tendon transplants (e.g. Joplin type procedure)  |
|  | 28295 | Correct of bunion   |
|  | 28296 | With metatarsal osteotomy (e.g. Mitchell, Chevron or concentric type procedures)                                  |
|  | 28297 | Lapidus type procedure  |
|  | 28298 | By phalanx osteotomy  |
|  | 28299 | By double osteotomy   |
|  | 28300 | Osteotomy, calcaneus (e.g. Dwyer or Chamber type procedure, with or without internal fixation)                    |
|  | 28302 | Osteotomy, talus  |
|  | 28304 | Osteotomy, tarsal bones, other than calcaneus or talus  |
|  | 28305 | With autograft (includes obtaining graft) (e.g. Fowler type)  |
|  | 28306 | Osteotomy, with or without lengthening metatarsal, shortening or angular correction, metatarsal; first metatarsal |
|  | 28307 | First metatarsal with autograft (other than first toe)  |
|  | 28308 | Other than first metatarsal   |
|  | 28309 | Multiple, (e.g. Swanson type cayus foot procedure)  |
|  | 28310 | Osteotomy for shortening, angular or rotational correction; proximal phalanx, first toe (separate procedure)      |
|  | 28312 | Other phalanges, any toe  |

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|                          | 28313 | Reconstruction, angular deformity of toe, soft tissue procedures only (eg, overlapping second toe, fifth toe, curly toes)                                |
|                          | 28315 | Sesamoidectomy, first toe (separate procedure)   |
|                          | 28320 | Repair of nonunion or malunion; tarsal bones   |
|                          | 28322 | Metatarsal, with or without bone graft (includes obtaining graft)  |
|                          | 28345 | Syndactyly, with or without skin graft(s), each web  |
| Arthrodesis (Rev. 12/09) |       |  |
|                          | 28705 | Arthrodesis; pantalar  |
|                          | 28715 | Triple   |
|                          | 28725 | Subtalar   |
|                          | 28730 | Arthrodesis, midtarsal or tarsometatarsal multiple or transverse   |
|                          | 28735 | With osteotomy ( eg, flatfoot correction)  |
|                          | 28737 | Arthrodesis, with tendon lengthening and advancement, midtarsal navicular-cuneiform (eg, Miller type procedure)  |
|                          | 28740 | Arthrodesis, midtarsal or tarsometatarsal, single joint  |
|                          | 28750 | Arthrodesis, great toe; metatarsophalangeal joint  |
|                          | 28755 | interphalangeal joint  |
|                          | 28760 | Arthrodesis, with extensor hallucis longus transfer to first metatarsal neck, great toe, interphalangeal joint (eg, Jones type procedure) (For hammertoe |

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|                    |       | operation or interphalangeal fusion, see 28285)   |
| Respiratory System |       |   |
| Nose               |       |   |
| Excision           |       |   |
|                    | 30130 | Excision inferior turbinate, partial or complete, any method  |
|                    | 30140 | Submucous resection inferior turbinate, partial or complete, any method   |
| Repair (12/09)     |       |   |
|                    | 30400 | Rhinoplasty, primary; lateral and alar cartilages and/or elevation of nasal tip   |
|                    | 30410 | Complete, external parts including bony pyramid, lateral and alar cartilages and/or elevation of nasal tip                  |
|                    | 30420 | Including major septal repair   |
|                    | 30430 | Rhinoplasty, secondary; minor revision (small amount nasal tip work)  |
|                    | 30435 | Intermediate revision (bony work with osteotomies)  |
|                    | 30450 | Major revision (nasal tip work and osteotomies)   |
|                    | 30460 | Rhinoplasty for nasal deformity secondary to congenital cleft lip and/or palate, including columellar lengthening; tip only |
|                    | 30462 | Tip, septum, osteotomies  |
|                    | 30465 | Repair of nasal vestibular stenosis (eg, spreader grafting, lateral nasal wall reconstruction)                              |

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|             | 30520 | Septoplasty or submucous resection, with or without cartilage scoring, contouring or replacement with graft   |
| Destruction |       |   |
|             | 30801 | Ablation, soft tissue of inferior turbinates, unilateral or bilateral, any method, (eg, electrocautery, radiofrequency ablation, or tissue volume reduction); superficial |
|             | 30802 | Intramural (i.e., submucosal)   |
|             | 31295 | Nasal/Sinus Endoscopy, Surgical; with dilation of maxillary sinus ostium (eg, balloon dilation), transnasal or via canine fossa (Rev 04/11, 04/13)                        |
|             | 31296 | Nasal /sinus Endoscopy, Surgical; with dilation of frontal sinus ostium (eg, balloon dilation)  |
|             | 31297 | Nasal/sinus Endoscopy, Surgical; with dilation of sphenoid sinus ostium (eg, balloon dilation)  |
|             | 31551 | Repair or narrowed voice box with graft, younger than 12 years of age   |
|             | 31552 | Repair of narrowed voice box with graft, patient age 12 years or older  |
|             | 31553 | Repair of narrowed voice box with graft and placement of stent, younger than 12 years of age  |
|             | 31554 | Repair of narrow voice box with graft and placement of stent, patient age 12 years of age   |

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|   | 31572 | Destruction of abnormality of one side of voice box using a flex endoscope             |
|   | 31573 | Injection of drug into one side of voice box using a flexible endoscope                |
|   | 31574 | Injection of substance to augment voice box using a flexible endoscope                 |
|   | 31967 | Nasal /sinus Endoscopy, Surgical; with dilation of sinus ostium (eg, balloon dilation) |
|   | 32557 | Insert Cath Pluera with image  |
|   | 32701 | Sterotatic Radiation- Thoracic target delineation for SRS/SRBT                         |
| Cardiovascular System<br>Heart and Pericardium<br>Transmyocardial Revascularization |       |  |
|   | 33140 | Transmyocardial laser revascularization, by thoracotomy; (separate procedure           |
|   | 37248 | Ballon dilation of first vein, through the skin or open procedure                      |
|   | 33270 | Insertion or replacement of defibrillator with electrode                               |
|   | 33340 | Minimally invasive procedure that closes the left atrial appendage                     |
|   | 33741 | Removes thrombus and plaques from a mesenteric, celiac, or renal artery                |
|   | 33745 | Creation of shunt for blood flow within heart for congenital heart                     |

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|                                |       | defects, via catheter using imaging guidance  |
|                                | 33390 | Creation of shunt for blood flow  |
|                                | 33391 | Simple repair of aortic valve by open procedure on heart lung machine   |
|                                | 33882 | Endovascular Repair of the Thoracic Aorta using a complex, multi-piece branched endograft system.   |
|                                | 33897 | Complex repair of aortic valve by open procedure on heart lung machine  |
|                                | 33995 | Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty of native or recurrent coarctation of the aorta   |
|                                | 33997 | Removal of a percutaneous right heart ventricular assist device (VAD), venous cannula, at a separate and distinct session from insertion. |
|                                | 35602 | Arterial bypass graft, leg, femoral-popliteal, unilateral, with vein  |
|                                | 36473 | Mechanic chemical destruction of insufficient vein of arm or leg  |
| Endovascular Revascularization |       |   |
|                                | 37254 | Restores blood flow in blocked or narrowed iliac arteries   |
|                                | 37256 | Transluminal balloon angioplasty  |
|                                | 37258 | Endovascular revascularization procedure in the iliac artery territory for a complex lesion   |
|                                | 37260 | Percutaneous Iliac Artery Revascularization stent placement/intervention  |

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|  | 37263 | Endovascular revascularization procedure in the femoral and popliteal vascular territory        |
|  | 37265 | Vascular procedure, specifically an endovascular revascularization                              |
|  | 37267 | Endovascular Revascularization procedure, specifically for initial placement of a stent         |
|  | 37269 | Procedure involving the exclusion of the left atrial appendage                                  |
|  | 37271 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral and popliteal vascular territory |
|  | 37273 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, femoral and popliteal vascular territory |
|  | 37275 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous,  |
|  | 37277 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous,  |
|  | 37280 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial and peroneal                      |
|  | 37282 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial                                   |
|  | 37284 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial and peroneal                      |
|  | 37286 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or  |



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|  |       | percutaneous, tibial  |
|  | 37288 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial and peroneal vascular territory, with transluminal atherectomy      |
|  | 37290 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial and peroneal vascular territory, with transluminal atherectomy      |
|  | 37292 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial and peroneal vascular territory, with transluminal stent placement, |
|  | 37294 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, tibial   |
|  | 37296 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, inframalleolar vascular territory, with transluminal angioplasty           |
|  | 37298 | Revascularization, endovascular, open or percutaneous, inframalleolar vascular territory, with transluminal angioplasty           |
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|  | 37700 | Ligation and division of long saphenous vein at saphenofemoral junction, or distal interruptions                                  |
|  | 37718 | Ligation, division, and stripping, short saphenous vein   |
|  | 37722 | Ligation, division, and stripping, long (greater) saphenous veins from saphenofemoral junction to knee or below                   |

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|  | 37735 | Ligation and division and complete stripping of long or short saphenous veins with radical excision of ulcer and skin graft and/or interruption of communicating veins of lower leg, with excision of deep fascia |
|  | 37246 | Ballon dilation of artery, accessed through the skin, with imaging  |
|  | 37760 | Ligation of perforator veins, subfascial, radical (Linton type), including, when performed, open, 1 leg   |
|  | 37761 | Ligation of perforator vein(s), subfacial, open, including ultrasound guidance, when performed, 1 leg   |
|  | 37765 | Stab phlebectomy of varicose veins, 1 extremity, 10-20 stab incisions   |
|  | 37766 | More than 20 incisions  |
| Hemic and Lymphatic Systems<br><br>General<br><br>Bone Marrow or Stem Cell Services/Procedures |       |   |
|  | 38228 | Administration of chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy.   |
|  | 38240 | Bone marrow or blood-derived peripheral stem cell transplantation; allogenic  |
|  | 38241 | Autologous  |
|  | 38243 | Transplant or post transplantation Cellular Infusion HPC boost  |
| Insertion of Central Venous  |       |   |

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| Access Device    |       |  |
|                  | 36555 | Insertion of non-tunneled centrally inserted central venous catheter, younger than 5 years of age  |
|                  | 36556 | Insertion of non-tunneled centrally inserted central venous catheter, age 5 years or older         |
| Digestive System |       |  |
| Stomach          |       |  |
| Laparoscopy      |       |  |
|                  | 43284 | Placement of augmentation device in sphincter of esophagus   |
|                  | 43285 | Removal of augmentation device from sphincter of esophagus   |
|                  | 43290 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with deployment of intragastric bariatric balloon |
|                  | 43291 | Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with removal of intragastric bariatric balloon(s) |
|                  | 43497 | Lower esophageal myotomy, transoral (ie, peroral endoscopic myotomy [POEM])                        |
|                  | 43651 | Laparoscopy, surgical; transection of vagus nerves, truncal  |

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|  | 43652 | Transection of vagus nerves, selective or highly selective |
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| Bariatric Surgery |       |   |
|                   | 43770 | Laparoscopy, surgical, gastric restrictive procedure; placement of adjustable gastric restrictive device (eg, gastric band and subcutaneous port components |
|                   | 43771 | Revision of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only  |
|                   | 43772 | Removal of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only   |
|                   | 43773 | Removal and replacement of adjustable gastric restrictive device component only   |
|                   | 43774 | Removal of adjustable gastric restrictive device and subcutaneous port components   |
| Other Procedures  |       |   |
|                   | 43842 | Gastoplasty, vertical-banded  |
|                   | 43843 | Gastoplasty, other than vertical-banded   |
|                   | 43845 | Partial gastrectomy, duodenoileostomy and ileoileostomy   |
|                   | 43846 | Gastric bypass with Roux-en-Y gastro enterostomy  |
|                   | 43847 | Gastric by-pass, short limb Roux-en-Y with small bowel reconstruction   |
|                   | 43848 | Revision of gastric restrictive procedure for morbid obesity  |
|                   | 42886 | Revise gastric port, open   |
|                   | 43887 | Remove gastric post, open   |
|                   | 43888 | Change gastric port, open   |

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| Gastric               |       |  |
|                       | 43889 | Endoscopic Sleeve Gastropasty (ESG), a transoral procedure to create gastric restriction for weight loss   |
|                       | 46601 | Diagnostic examination of anus   |
|                       | 46607 | Biopsies of anus   |
| Liver Transplantation |       |  |
|                       | 47135 | Liver allotransplantation; orthotopic, partial or whole, from cadaver or living donor, any age   |
|                       | 47140 | Donor hepatectomy (including cold preservation), from living donor; left lateral segment only (segments II and III)  |
|                       | 47141 | total left lobectomy (segments II, III, and IV)  |
|                       | 47142 | total right lobectomy (segments V, VI, VII and VIII)   |
| Laparoscopy           |       |  |
|                       | 49186 | Open excision or destruction of intra-abdominal tumors or cysts  |
|                       | 49187 | Surgical removal or destruction of intra-abdominal tumors or cysts that are 10.1 to 20 centimeters in length.  |
|                       | 49188 | Open excision or destruction of intra-abdominal tumors or cysts that are 10.1–20 cm in size  |
|                       | 49189 | Open excision or destruction of intra-abdominal primary or secondary tumors or cysts, where the sum of the maximum length of the tumor(s) or cyst(s) is greater than 30 cm |

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|  | 49190 | Open excision or destruction of intra-abdominal tumors or cysts.   |
|  | 49321 | Laparoscopy, surgical; with biopsy (single or multiple)  |
|  | 49322 | With aspiration of cavity or cyst (eg, ovarian cyst) (single or multiple)  |
|  | 49323 | With drainage of lymphocele to peritoneal cavity   |
|  | 49324 | Laparoscopy, surgical; with biopsy (single or multiple) with drainage of lymphocele to peritoneal cavity   |
|  | 49325 | With revision of previously placed intraperitoneal cannula or catheter, with removal of intraluminal obstructive material if performed   |
|  | 47384 | Percutaneous irreversible electroporation (IRE) ablation of one or more liver tumors.  |
|  | 49591 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, reducible                    |
|  | 49592 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, incarcerated or strangulated |
|  | 49593 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, reducible                    |

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|  | 49594 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated      |
|  | 49595 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, reducible                    |
|  | 49596 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) initial including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated |
|  | 49613 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent, including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, reducible                     |
|  | 49614 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent, including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); less than 3 cm, incarcerated or strangulated  |
|  | 49615 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent, including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, reducible                      |
|  | 49616 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); 3 cm to 10 cm, incarcerated or                 |

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|  |       | strangulated   |
|  | 49617 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, reducible                    |
|  | 49618 | Repair of anterior abdominal hernia(s) recurrent including placement of mesh or other prosthesis, when performed total length of defect(s); greater than 10 cm, incarcerated or strangulated |
|  | 49621 | Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach, initial or recurrent, including placement of mesh or other prosthesis when performed; reducible   |
|  | 49622 | Repair of parastomal hernia, any approach, initial or recurrent, including placement of mesh or other prosthesis when performed; incarcerated or strangulated                                |
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|  | 52443 | Cystourethroscopy with initial transurethral anterior prostate commissurotomy with a nondrug-coated balloon catheter   |
|  | 53451 | Periurethral transperineal adjustable balloon continence device; bilateral insertion, including cystourethroscopy and imaging guidance.  |
|  | 53452 | Revision of prior hypospadias repair of ultimate complexity that requires work above that of   |



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|                          |       | a flap, patch, or graft but also including excision of previously constructed structures.  |
| Male Genital System      | 54483 | Replantation, penis, complete amputation including urethral repair   |
| Other Procedures         | 58875 | Transperineal placement of needles or catheters into prostate for interstitial radioelement application, with or without cystoscopy                            |
|                          | 55876 | Placement of interstitial device(s) for radiation therapy guidance (eg, fiducial markers, dosimeter), prostate (via needle, any approach), single or multiple. |
| Female Genital System    |       |  |
| Vagina Repair            |       |  |
|                          | 57291 | Construction of artificial vagina; without graft   |
|                          | 52792 | with graft   |
| Corpus Uteri<br>Excision |       |  |
|                          | 58150 | Total abdominal hysterectomy (corpus and cervix) with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(s)                                       |
|                          | 58152 | With colpo-urethrocystopexy (Marshall-Marchetti-Krantz, Burch type)  |
|                          | 58180 | Supracervical abdominal hysterectomy (subtotal hysterectomy), with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(s)                          |
|                          | 58200 | Total abdominal hysterectomy, including partial vaginectomy,   |

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|                          |       | with para-aortic pelvic lymph node sampling, with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(s)  |
|                          | 58210 | Radical abdominal hysterectomy, with bilateral total pelvic lymphadenectomy and para-aortic lymph node sampling (biopsy), with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(s)   |
|                          | 58240 | Pelvic exenteration for gynecologic malignancy, with total abdominal hysterectomy or cervicectomy with or without removal of tube(s), with or without removal of ovary(s), with removal of bladder and urethral transplantations, and/or abdominoperineal resection of rectum and colon and colostomy, or any combination thereof (For pelvic exenteration for lower urinary tract or male genital malignancy, use 51597) |
|                          | 58260 | Vaginal hysterectomy for uterus 250g or less;   |
|                          | 58262 | With removal of tube(s), and/or ovary(s)  |
|                          | 58263 | With removal of tube(s), and/or ovary(s), with repair of enterocele   |
|                          | 58270 | With repair of enterocele   |
|                          | 58275 | Vaginal hysterectomy, with total or partial vaginectomy   |
|                          | 58280 | with repair of enterocele   |
|                          | 58485 | Vaginal hysterectomy, radical (Schauta type operation)  |
| Laparoscopy/Hysteroscopy |       |   |

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|   | 58550 | Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less   |
|   | 58552 | With removal of tube(s) and/or ovary(s)  |
|   | 58553 | Laparoscopy, surgical, with vaginal hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g  |
|   | 58554 | With removal of tube (s) and/or ovary (s)  |
|   | 58570 | Laparoscopy,surgical, with total hysterectomy, for uterus 250 g or less  |
|   | 58571 | Laparoscopy, surgical, with total hysterectomy, for uterus 250 G or less; with removal of tube (s) and/or ovary (s)    |
|   | 58572 | Laparoscopy, surgical , with total hysterectomy, for uterus greater than 250 g   |
|   | 58573 | With removal of tube (s) and/or ovary(s)   |
|   | 58674 | Destruction of fibroid tumor of uterus using a laparoscope   |
| Maternity Care and Delivery<br>Antepartum and Fetal Invasive Services |       |  |
|   | 59072 | Fetal umbilical cord occlusion, including ultrasound guidance  |
|   | 59076 | Fetal shunt placement, including ultrasound guidance   |
| Cesarean Delivery   |       |  |
|   | 59525 | Subtotal or total hysterectomy after cesarean delivery ( this is an add-on code and is subject to add-on stipulations) |

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| Nervous System<br><br>Skull, Meninges, and Brain<br><br>Endovascular Therapy                                    |             |   |
|   | 61623-61642 | Endovascular stroke therapy covers endovascular therapy procedures on the skull, meninges, and brain.   |
|   | 61645       | Endovascular stroke therapy, including all catheterizations of the vascular territory treated for stroke, and work done to remove clot/embolus and restore flow |
|   | 61715       | Guided high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) procedure on the brain, skull, or meninges  |
| Neurostimulators (Intracranial)   |             |   |
|   | 61736       | Laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) of a single lesion in the brain   |
|   | 61737       | Laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) of multiple or complex intracranial lesions. LITT is a minimally invasive surgical                                    |
|   | 61885       | Insertion or replacement of cranial neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, direct or inductive coupling; with connection to a single electrode array      |
|   | 61886       | With connection to 2 or more electrode arrays   |
| Extracranial Nerves, Peripheral Nerves, and Autonomic Nervous System<br><br>Neurostimulators (Peripheral Nerve) |             |   |
|   | 62320       | Injection of substance into spinal canal of upper /middle   |

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|  | 62321 | Injection of substance into spinal canal of upper/middle back w/imaging                                    |
|  | 62322 | Injection of substance into spinal canal of lower back w/imaging   |
|  | 62323 | Injection of substance into spinal canal of lower back w/ imaging  |
|  | 62324 | Injection of indwelling catheter and administration of substance into spinal canal of upper or middle back |
|  | 62325 | Insertion of indwelling catheter and administration of substance into spinal canal of upper middle back    |
|  | 62326 | injections, drainage, or aspiration procedures on the spine and spinal cord.                               |
|  | 62327 | injections, drainage, or aspiration procedures on the spine and spinal cord                                |
|  | 62330 | Decompression, percutaneous, with partial removal of the ligamentum flavum.                                |
|  | 63032 | Repair of a spinal disc's annular defect   |
|  | 62380 | Decompression of spinal cord/nerve root in lower back using endoscope                                      |
|  | 64405 | N Block Inj Occipital  |
|  | 64445 | Sciatic nerve, single  |
|  | 64446 | Sciatic nerve, continuous infusion by catheter   |

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|  | 64449 | Lumbar plexus, posterior approach, continuous infusion by catheter (including catheter placement)   |
|  | 64461 | Paravertebral block, thoracic; single injection site  |
|  | 64462 | Second and any additional injection site  |
|  | 64479 | Injection (s), anesthetic agent and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT) cervical or thoracic, single level   |
|  | 64480 | Cervical or thoracic, each additional level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)   |
|  | 64490 | Injections, diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), cervical or thoracic; single level |
|  | 64491 | Second level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)  |
|  | 64492 | Third and any additional level(s) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)   |
|  | 64493 | Injection (s), diagnostic or therapeutic agent, paravertebral facet (zygapophyseal) joint (or nerves innervating that joint) with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT), lumbar or sacral; single level  |
|  | 64494 | Second level (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)  |

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|  | 64495 | Third and any additional level(s)<br>(List separately in addition to<br>code for primary procedure                              |
|  | 64530 | Celiac plexus, with or without<br>radiologic monitoring   |
|  | 64561 | Sacral nerve (transforaminal<br>placement) including image<br>guidance, if performed  |
|  | 64530 | Celiac plexus, with or without<br>radiologic monitoring   |
|  | 64561 | Sacral nerve (transforaminal<br>placement) including image<br>guidance, if performed  |
|  | 64581 | Sacral nerve (transforaminal<br>placement)  |
|  | 64611 | Chemo denervation of parotid<br>and submandibular salivary<br>gland, bilateral  |
|  | 64612 | Chemo denervation of<br>muscles(s); muscle(s) innervated<br>by facial nerve, unilateral   |
|  | 64615 | Muscle(s) innervated by facial,<br>trigeminal, cervical spinal and<br>accessory nerves, bilateral (eg,<br>for chronic migraine) |
|  | 64616 | Neck muscle(s), excluding<br>muscles of the larynx, unilateral  |
|  | 64617 | Injection of chemicals for<br>destruction of nerve muscles on<br>one side of voice box accessed<br>through the skin             |
|  | 64642 | Injection of chemicals for<br>destruction of nerve muscles on<br>arm or leg, 1-4 muscles  |
|  | 64643 | Each additional extremity, 1-4<br>muscle(s)   |

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|   | 64644 | Injection of chemicals for destruction of nerve muscles on arm or leg, 5 or more muscles  |
|   | 64645 | Each additional extremity, 5 or more muscle(s)  |
|   | 64646 | Injection of chemicals for destruction of nerve muscles on trunk, 5 or more muscles   |
|   | 64647 | Injection of chemical for destruction of nerve muscles on trunk, 6 or more muscles  |
| Fluoroscopy or CT scan                              |       |   |
|   | 64483 | Transforaminal epidural steroid injection at the lumbar or sacral spine, specifically for a single level injection performed with image guidance (fluoroscopy or CT).     |
|   | 64484 | Injection of anesthetic agent (nerves block) and/or steroid, transforaminal epidural, with imaging guidance (fluoroscopy or CT); lumbar or sacral, each additional level. |
|   | 64728 | Percutaneous decompression of the median nerve at the carpal tunnel using balloon dilation.   |
| Eye and Ocular Adnexa<br>Anterior Segment<br>Cornea |       |   |
|   | 65710 | Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); anterior lamellar  |
|   | 65730 | Penetrating (except in aphakia or pseudophakia)   |
|   | 65750 | Penetrating (in aphakia)  |
|   | 65755 | Penetrating (in pseudophakia)   |



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|                  | 65756 | Endothelial   |
|                  | 65780 | Ocular surface reconstruction;<br>amniotic membrane<br>transplantation  |
|                  | 65781 | Limbal stem cell allograft ( eg,<br>cadaveric or living donor)  |
|                  | 65782 | Limbal conjunctival autograft,<br>(includes obtaining graft)  |
| Ocular Adnexa    |       |   |
| Eyelids          |       |   |
|                  | 66683 | Implantation of an artificial iris  |
|                  | 67900 | Repair of brow ptosis   |
|                  | 67903 | (tarso) levator resection or<br>advancement, internal approach  |
|                  | 67904 | (tarso) levator resection or<br>advancement, internal   |
|                  | 67906 | Superior rectus technique with<br>fascial sling ( includes obtaining<br>fasica)                                 |
|                  | 67908 | Conjunctivo-tarso-Muller's<br>muscle-levator resection (eg,<br>Fasanella-Servat type                            |
| Auditory System  |       |   |
| External Ear     |       |   |
| Repair           |       |   |
|                  | 69300 | Othoplasty, protruding ear, with<br>or without size reduction   |
| Middle ear       |       |   |
| Other procedures |       |   |
|                  | 69714 | Implantation, Osseo integrated<br>implant, temporal bone, with<br>percutaneous attachment to<br>external speech |

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|   |       | processor/cochlear stimulator;<br>without mastoidectomy  |
|   | 69715 | With mastoidectomy   |
|   | 69728 | Removal, entire Osseo integrated implant, skull; with magnetic transcutaneous attachment to external speech processor, outside the mastoid and involving a bony  |
|   | 69729 | Implantation, Osseo integrated implant, skull; with magnetic transcutaneous attachment to external speech processor, outside of the mastoid  |
|   | 69730 | The replacement includes the removal of the implant with magnetic transcutaneous attachment to an external speech processor outside of the mastoid that results in the removal of greater than or equal to 100 sq mm surface area of bone. |
| Inner Ear<br>Introduction   |       |  |
|   | 69930 | Cochlear device implantation, with or without mastoidectomy  |
| Radiology<br><br>Diagnostic Radiology<br>(Diagnostic Imaging)<br><br>Head and Neck<br><br>Spine and Pelvis<br><br>Abdomen |       |  |
|   | 76988 | Placement, manipulation of the transducer, and image acquisition only during an intraoperative epicardial cardiac ultrasound for congenital heart  |

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|                                      |       | disease, diagnostic.   |
|                                      | 76989 | diagnostic intraoperative epicardial cardiac ultrasound (echocardiography) for congenital heart disease.   |
| Abdomen                              |       |  |
|                                      | 77371 | Radiation treatment delivery, stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS), complete course of treatment of cranial lesion(s) consisting of 1 session; multi-source Cobalt 60 based |
|                                      | 77372 | Linear accelerator based   |
|                                      | 77373 | Stereotactic body radiation therapy, treatment delivery, per fraction to 1 or more lesions, including image guidance, entire course not to exceed 5 fractions          |
| Medicine Gastroenterology            |       |  |
|                                      | 91110 | Wireless capsule endoscopy of the small bowel or esophagus   |
|                                      | 91112 | Wireless capsule procedure that measures pressure and transit in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract.  |
| Cardiovascular -<br>Echocardiography |       |  |
|                                      | 93303 | Complete transthoracic echocardiogram that evaluates the heart's structure and function.   |
|                                      | 99183 | To report a physician's supervision of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) for each session   |
|                                      | 95717 | Long-term electroencephalogram (EEG) recording without video.  |

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|  | 95726 | Long-term electroencephalogram (EEG) monitoring study. |
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For Photodynamic Therapy Services, see Appendix O.

**B. Procedures Subjected to Pre-Payment Review:**

The following procedure codes describe procedures which could be cosmetic in nature and, therefore, are non-covered by the Georgia Division of Medicaid. However, if the procedure is performed due to medical necessity rather than for cosmetic reasons, the physician may submit the claim for processing. The claim must have an explanation of the procedure performed (e.g., removal of cyst, mass, etc.) and the medical reason the procedure was required. These explanatory remarks should be made on the face of the claim form in the space under each line entitled "Procedure Description/Remarks".

The claim should be submitted to the normal post office box used for submission and resubmission of the claim.

- i. Excision, other benign lesion, face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips, mucous membrane; lesion diameter [Note that approval for the following procedures can only be requested in writing or via web portal.]
  1. 11441 0.6 to 1.0 cm
  2. 11442 1.1 to 2.0 cm
  3. 11443 2.1 to 3.0 cm

**Appendix E1**  
**Attachment “1” to Appendix E**

**A. Protocol For Facility Selection – Liver Transplant Center**

- i. The staff must have experience in organ transplant programs and include a transplant surgeon who has trained at an institution with an established liver transplant program.
- ii. The staff must include experts in hepatology, gastroenterology, immunology, infectious diseases, nephrology, pulmonary medicine, pediatrics, pathology, pharmacology, anesthesiology, psychiatry, and psychosocial support.
- iii. The center must give assurance that satisfactory arrangements are in place for donor procurement services.
- iv. The facility must have an active renal dialysis program and blood bank services which can supply large quantities of blood on short notice.
- v. The hospital should have experience and expertise in the treatment of all types of hepatic diseases.
- vi. The transplant center administration must have made a commitment to this program and there should be broad-based community support and hospital staff support of this commitment.
- vii. The center must have a consistent, equitable, and practical protocol for selection of patients.
- viii. The center should have the capacity and the commitment to conduct systematic evaluations of cost and clinical outcomes of cases.

## **Appendix F Sterilizations**

The Division will make reimbursement only for those sterilization procedures which meet the criteria established in Section 904.1 (a) of this Manual. A copy of the “Informed Consent for Voluntary Sterilization” (Form DMA-69) is attached as Pages F-3 and F-4 of this Appendix. This form must be properly completed on both sides by the member and the attending physician.

Some important points in obtaining and submitting a properly executed Form DMA-69 are listed below.

### **A. Under the physician’s statement**

#### **i. The applicable paragraph (1) or (2) must be designated:**

1. At least 30 days have passed between the date of the individual’s signature on this consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.
2. This sterilization was performed for less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the individual’s signature on the consent form because of the following circumstances.

If (2) is designated, the applicable box must be checked, and the information requested must be filled in.

If the box indicating “Premature delivery” is checked, the individual’s date of expected delivery must be given on the line provided.

If the box indicating “Emergency abdominal surgery” is checked, the circumstances of the emergency surgery must be described on the line provided.

#### **ii. The physician must sign and date the consent form after the surgery is performed.**

#### **iii. The physician must sign the consent form. Signature stamps are not acceptable.**

- B.** All lines on the consent form must be completed, with the exception of the interpreter’s statement. The interpreter’s statement does not have to be completed unless a language other than English was used to explain the sterilization procedure to the member.
- C.** The method used by the Division to calculate the 30-day wait is: Begin count with the first day after the day the member signs the consent form and count forward 30 days. The sterilization may be performed as early as the 30th day.
- D.** The only consent form acceptable to the Division is: “Informed Consent for Voluntary Sterilization” (DMA-69) in current policy manual. No other form of consent is acceptable.
- E.** A 30-day wait does not apply to the hysterectomy acknowledgement form. (See Appendix G.)
- F.** The informed consent sterilization form may not be used for hysterectomy procedures. Medically necessary hysterectomy procedures require completion of the “Patient’s Acknowledgement of Prior Receipt of Hysterectomy Information” (DMA-276, Rev 10/82) form.

A copy of the properly executed “Informed Consent for Voluntary Sterilization” form must be attached to the physician’s claim form when submitted to the Division for payment. In addition, a copy of the consent form must accompany any other claims for services rendered in conjunction with the sterilization, e.g., hospital, anesthesiology, etc. The attending physician is responsible for providing a copy of the properly executed consent form to each Medicaid provider associated with the case.

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION

### NOTICE

YOUR DECISION AT ANY TIME NOT TO BE STERILIZED WILL NOT RESULT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OR WITHHOLDING OF ANY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS.

### CONSENT TO STERILIZATION

1. I have asked for and received information about sterilization from \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician or Clinic
2. I have asked for the sterilization, I was told that the decision to be sterilized is completely up to me. I was told that I could decide not to be sterilized. If I decide not to be sterilized, my decision will not affect my right to future care or treatment and I will not lose any help or benefits from programs receiving Federal funds, such as A.F.D.C. or Medicaid, that I am not getting or for which I may become eligible.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STERILIZATION MUST BE CONSIDERED PERMANENT AND NOT REVERSIBLE: I HAVE DECIDED THAT I DO NOT WANT TO BECOME PREGNANT, BEAR CHILDREN, OR FATHER CHILDREN.

3. I was told about those temporary methods of birth control that are available and could be provided to me which will allow me to bear or father children in the future. I have rejected these alternatives and chosen to be sterilized.
4. I understand that I will be sterilized by an operation known as a \_\_\_\_\_. The  
Sterilization Procedure  
discomforts, risks and benefits associated with the operation have been explained to me. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
5. I understand that the operation will not be done until at least thirty (30) days after I sign this form. I understand that I can change my mind at any time and that my decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the withholding of any benefits or medical services provided by Federally funded programs.
6. I am at least 21 years of age and was born on \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year
7. I \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of Member  
hereby consent of my own free will to be sterilized  
by \_\_\_\_\_ by a method called \_\_\_\_\_. My consent expires 180 days  
Print name of Physician Sterilization Procedure  
from the date of my signature below.
8. I also consent to the release of this form and other medical records about the operation to: Representatives of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or Employees or programs funded by that Department but only for determining if Federal laws were observed.

I have received a copy of this form.

Signature of Medicaid Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

You are requested to supply the following information, but it is not required: Race and ethnicity designation (please check)

Black (not Hispanic descent) \_\_\_\_\_  
Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_  
Asian or Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_  
American Indian or Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_  
White (not of Hispanic origin) \_\_\_\_\_

### INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT

I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the individual to be sterilized by the individual obtaining this consent. I have also read the consent form to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ language and explained its contents to him/her.

Name of Member Language  
To the best of my knowledge and belief he/she understood this situation.

Signature of Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year



FOR FISCAL AGENT USE ONLY

**STATEMENT OF PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT**

Before \_\_\_\_\_ signed this consent form, I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation, \_\_\_\_\_, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

Name Of Member

Sterilization Procedure

I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.

I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

Signature Of Person Obtaining Consent

Date

Facility

Address

**PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT**

Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member

Date Of Operation

, I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation \_\_\_\_\_, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and

Sterilization Procedure

the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.

I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

**SELECT THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH: NUMBER (1) OR NUMBER (2)**

**(Cross out the paragraph which is not used.)**

Use the first paragraph below except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery where the sterilization is performed less than 30 days after the date of the individual's signature on the consent form. In those cases, the second paragraph below must be used.

- (1) At least 30 days have passed between the date of the individual's signature on this consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.
- (2) This sterilization was performed less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the individual's signature on this consent form because of the following circumstances (check applicable box and fill in information requested):

☐ Premature delivery

Individual's date of expected delivery \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Emergency abdominal surgery (describe circumstances): \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix G**

### **Hysterectomies**

The Division will make reimbursement only for those hysterectomy procedures which meet the criteria established in Section 904.1 (b) of this manual.

A copy of the "Patient's Acknowledgement of Prior Receipt of Hysterectomy Information" (Form DMA 276, (Rev 10/82)) is shown on Page G-2 of this Appendix. This form must be signed, either before or after the hysterectomy, as follows and must be attached to the claim form submitted to the Division for payment.

**A. Section I - Member's Statement**

The member or her representative must sign and date this form in the spaces provided unless the member was sterile prior to the hysterectomy, or the hysterectomy was an emergency.

**B. Section II - Physician's Statement**

The physician must sign and date this form on all hysterectomies performed. If the member was sterile prior to the hysterectomy, the physician must indicate this condition beside #1 and state the reason for prior sterility. If the hysterectomy was an emergency, the physician must indicate this condition beside #2 and attach the discharge summary and operative record.

In addition, a copy of the acknowledgement form must accompany any other claims for services rendered in conjunction with the hysterectomy, e.g., hospital, anesthesiology, etc. The attending physician is responsible for providing a copy of the properly signed acknowledgement form to each Medicaid provider associated with the case.

Georgia Division of Medicaid  
Medicaid Program

## Medicaid Program

## MEMBER INFORMATION

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| MEMBER NAME: LAST        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FIRST |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | INITIAL |  | SUFFIX |  |
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## Section I — Member's Statement

Signature of Medicaid Member

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Signature of Member's Representative

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II — Physician's Statement

1 Member was sterile prior to hysterectomy. The member was sterile because \_\_\_\_\_

3.

Physician's Name (Please print)

Physician's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix H**

### **Abortions**

The Division will make reimbursement only for those abortions which meet the criteria established in Section 904.2 of this Manual.

A “Certification of Necessity for Abortion” (Form DMA-311) must be properly completed and signed for all abortions. A copy of the form must be attached to the physician’s claim when submitted to the Division for payment. In addition, a copy of the certification must accompany any other claim for services rendered in conjunction with the abortion, e.g., hospital, anesthesiology, etc. The attending physician is responsible for providing a copy of the properly executed certification form to each Medicaid provider associated with the case.

**Appendix I**  
**Certificate Of Necessity for Abortion (DMA-311)**

This is a federal mandated form that must be completed and attached to all invoices containing claim lines submitted for reimbursement for abortion procedures and abortion-related procedures.

The Department will reimburse only for abortions which meet the criteria established in Part II, Chapter 900 of the Policies and Procedures for Physician Services Manual. (Rev 7/15)

Georgia Department Of Medical Assistance

Certification Of Necessity For Abortion

The Information Provided On This Form Is Confidential Under Federal Law And Regulations And Cannot Be Disclosed Without The Informed Consent Of The Member.

Member Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAID #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Statement Of Medical Necessity

This is to certify that I am a duly licensed physician and that in my professional judgment, an abortion is medically necessary for the reason indicated below:

- ☐ This patient suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would place this woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.
- iv. ☐ Fetal Demise
- v. ☐ The pregnancy is the result of rape.
- vi. ☐ The pregnancy is the result of incest.

vii. NOTE: Please attach all supporting medical documentation.

viii. \_\_\_\_\_, MD

ix. (Print Name)

x. \_\_\_\_\_, MD

xi. (Signature of Physician)

## **Appendix J**

### **Newborn Certification – Temporary Enrollment**

#### Summary of Newborn Certification

Effective July 1, 1995, a new process was implemented to expedite the enrollment of Medicaid eligible newborns. This process enables authorized providers to immediately obtain a temporary Medicaid number for a newborn infant, born to a Medicaid eligible mother with a Medicaid number ending with a P or S only.

Any Physician, Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Health Check Provider, Pharmacy, Hospital, Health Department, Durable Medical Equipment Provider, or Birthing Center enrolled as a Georgia Medicaid Provider is authorized to obtain a temporary Medicaid number for these newborn infants. The authorized provider must complete a Newborn Medicaid Certification form, DMA-550, and contact Gainwell Technology Inquiry Unit at 1-800-766-4456 to obtain the temporary Medicaid number. Calls may be made between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekends.

The newborn Medicaid certification form will serve as a temporary Medicaid card pending issuance of a permanent card. The temporary card will be valid for a thirty-day period, beginning with the date of issuance of the number for the newborn Medicaid certification.

## Appendix K

### Procedure Codes Subject to the Site of Service Differential (The list of procedure codes may not be all inclusive)

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**Appendix L**  
**Radiology Services requiring Prior Authorization**

| Procedure Code | Description                                      |
|----------------|--|
| 70450          | CT Head/Brain wo Dye                             |
| 70460          | CT Head/Brain w Dye                              |
| 70470          | CT Head/Brain wo & w Dye                         |
| 70470          | CT Head/Brain wo & w Dye                         |
| 70471          | CTA Computed Tomographic Angiography             |
| 70472          | CT Computed Tomographic Cerebral w/ Contrast     |
| 70473          | CT Computed Tomographic Cerebral w/ Contrast     |
| 70551          | MRI Brain wo Dye                                 |
| 70552          | MRI Brain w Dye                                  |
| 70553          | MRI Brain wo & w Dye                             |
| 72148          | MRI Lumbar Spine wo Dye                          |
| 72149          | MRI Lumbar Spine w Dye                           |
| 72158          | MRI Lumbar Spine wo & w Dye                      |
| 72192          | CT Pelvis wo Dye                                 |
| 72193          | CT Pelvis w Dye                                  |
| 72194          | CT Pelvis wo & w Dye                             |
| 74150          | CT Abdomen wo Dye                                |
| 74160          | CT Abdomen w Dye                                 |
| 74170          | CT Abdomen wo & w Dye                            |
| 74176          | CT Abdomen & Pelvis wo contrast                  |
| 74177          | CT Abdomen & Pelvis w contrast                   |
| 74178          | CT Abdomen & Pelvis 1+ Section/Regns             |
| 75577          | Coronary Atherosclerotic Plaque Coronary Disease |
| 76801          | OB US<14 weeks, Single Fetus                     |
| 76802          | OB US<14 weeks, Addl Fetus                       |
| 76811          | OB US, Detailed, Single Fetus                    |
| 76813          | OB US, Nuchal Meas, 1 GEST                       |
| 76814          | OB US, Nuchal Meas, Add-on                       |
| 76815          | OB US, Limited, Fetus(s)                         |
| 76816          | OB US, Follow-up, per Fetus                      |
| 76817          | OB US, w/image documentation, trans-vaginal      |
| 78608          | PET Brain Imaging                                |
| 78811          | PET Tumor Imaging limited area                   |
| 78812          | PET Tumor Imaging skull to thigh                 |



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| 78813 | PET Tumor Imaging whole body       |
| 78814 | PET w/CT imaging limited area      |
| 78815 | PET with CT imaging skull to thigh |
| 78816 | PET with CT imaging whole body     |

Note: Prior authorization for the listed pregnancy related ultrasounds is required after the first ultrasound (76805 and 76817) or in some cases, prior to rendering the service.

76805 OB US>=14 weeks, Single Fetus  
76810 OB US>=14 weeks, Addl Fetus  
76812 OB US, Detailed, Addl Fetus  
76817 OB US, w/image documentation, transvaginal

Note: Changes for Radiology and Cardiology Services that require Prior Authorization (not limited to MRIs, CTs and similar procedures)

Effective October 1, 2014, Georgia Medicaid is expanding its list of radiology codes for medical services that require Prior Authorization (PA) for Medicaid Fee-for-Service members. If a member's medical condition warrants immediate care utilizing a service that requires a PA, a provider can submit an emergency waiver of the PA to Alliant Health Solutions by providing the appropriate supporting clinical documentation. The PA processes for the additional PA radiology requests are the same as the current (other) PA requests. Please allow Alliant Health Solutions for up to 10 business days for review and response to your PA request via your Provider Workspace logon on the Gainwell Technology web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov). The 53 additional procedure HCPCS/CPT codes fall within the radiology and cardiology areas of service. Below is the list of affected radiology codes that will require a PA with dates of service on or after October 1, 2014.

| Procedure Code | Description                    |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 70540          | MRI ORBIT/FACE/NECK W/O DYE    |
| 70542          | MRI ORBIT/FACE/NECK W/DYE      |
| 70543          | MRI ORBT/FACE/NECK W/O & W/DYE |
| 70559          | MRI BRAIN W/O & W/DYE          |
| 71260          | CT THORAX W/DYE                |
| 71275          | CT SCAN ANGIOGRAPHY CHEST      |
| 71550          | MRI CHEST W/O DYE              |
| 71551          | MRI CHEST W/DYE                |
| 71552          | MRI CHEST W/O & W/DYE          |
| 71555          | MRI ANGIO CHEST W & W/O DYE    |
| 72141          | MRI NK SP W/O DYE              |
| 72142          | MRI NK SP W/DYE                |
| 72146          | MRI CH SP W/O DYE              |
| 72147          | MRI CH SP W/DYE                |
| 72156          | MRI NK SP W/O & W/DYE          |
| 72157          | MRI CH SP W/O & W/DYE          |
| 72195          | MRI PELVIS W/O DYE             |
| 72196          | MRI PELVIS W/DYE               |
| 72197          | MRI PELVIS W/O & W/DYE         |
| 73218          | MRI UPPER EXTREM W/O DYE       |

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| 73219 | MRI UPPER EXTREM W/DYE  |
| 73220 | MRI UPPR EXTREM W/O & W/DY  |
| 73221 | MRI JOINT UPR EXTREM W/O DYE  |
| 73222 | MRI JOINT UPR EXTREM W/DYE  |
| 73223 | MRI JOINT UPR EXTREM W/O&W/DYE  |
| 73723 | MRI JNT LOWER EXTREM W/O & W/DYE  |
| 74176 | CT ABD & PELVIS W/O DYE   |
| 74181 | MRI ABDOMEN W/O DYE   |
| 74182 | MRI ABDOMEN W/DYE   |
| 74183 | MRI ABDOMEN W/O & W/DYE   |
| 74185 | MRI ANGIO ABDOMEN W/ OR W/O DYE   |
| 75557 | CARDIAC MRI FOR MORPH   |
| 75561 | CARDIAC MRI FOR MORPH W/O DYE   |
| 75563 | CARD MRI W/STRESS IMAGING   |
| 75565 | CARD MRI VELOCITY FLOW IMAGING  |
| 75580 | CORONARY FRACTIONAL FLOW, COMPUTED<br>TOMOGRAHPY ANGIOGRAPHY                  |
| 76883 | PRQ AV FSTL CRTJ UXTR 1 ACS   |
| 76984 | ULTRASOUND, THORACIC AORTA DIAGNOSTIC   |
| 76984 | ULTRASOUND, THORACIC AORTA DIAGNOSTIC   |
| 76987 | CARDIAC ULTRASOUND FOR CONGENITAL HEART<br>DISEASE                            |
| 76988 | CARDIAC ULTRASOUND, MANIPULATON OF TRANSDUCER<br>AND IMAGE                    |
| 76989 | CARDIAC ULTRASOUND FOR CONGENITAL HEART<br>DISEASE, INTERPRETATION AND REPORT |
| 77047 | MRI BREAST C – BILATERAL  |
| 77049 | MRI BREAST C-+ W/CAD BILATERAL  |
| 77065 | DIAGNOSIS MAMMOGRAPHY   |
| 77066 | DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY BILATER  |
| 77089 | TBS DXA CAL W I&R FX RISK   |
| 77090 | TBS TECHL PREP AND TRANSMIS DATA  |
| 77091 | TBS TECHL CALCULATION ONLY  |
| 77092 | TBS I&R FX RSK QHP  |
| 76705 | ECHO EXAM OF ABDOMEN  |
| 76830 | TRANSVAG US NON OB  |
| 71260 | CT THORAX W DYE   |
| 78451 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING SINGLE   |
| 78452 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING MULTI  |
| 78453 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 78454 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 78466 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 76984 | ULTRASOUND, THORACIC AORTA DIAGNOSTIC   |
| 78451 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING - SINGLE   |
| 78452 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING - MULTI  |
| 78453 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 78454 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 78466 | MYOCARDIAL IMAGING  |
| 93303 | TTE – INITIAL   |

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| 93304 | TTE – FOLLOW-UP          |
| 93306 | TTE - 2D COLOR           |
| 93307 | TTE - 2D COLOR/SPECTRAL  |
| 93308 | TTE - 2D COLOR FOLLOW-UP |

This is a policy adjustment being made by Georgia Medicaid to the scope of certain radiology procedures codes that will now require prior authorization. Claims submitted for the affected radiology procedure codes rendered on or after October 1, 2014, without prior authorization will not be paid.

#### **Appendix M** **Change in Publication of “V” Codes Available**

Effective October 1, 2004, the Department will no longer publish “V” codes available for utilization within Georgia Medicaid. Utilization must be based upon correct coding guidelines and follow program policy.

**Appendix N**  
**Physician's Certification of Medical Evaluation of Hearing Loss**

Medical Clearance for Hearing Aid Referral:

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above patient has been evaluated and may be considered a candidate for hearing aid:

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Physicians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix O

### Outpatient Hospital, Inpatient Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Procedure Requiring Prior Approval/Pre-Certification

The following CPT/HCPCS codes represent the procedures and services that must be prior approved (PA) and/or pre-certified before services are rendered in an outpatient setting, ambulatory surgical center, or hospital, except in emergencies. Emergency services must be reported and reviewed retrospectively within 30 days.

Effective with date of service on and after October 1, 2006, all services requiring prior approval and/or pre-certification applies to all eligible members, regardless of age.

**Note: Prior approval (PA) for certain procedures may be completed telephonically, while others are limited to written or web portal submission only. For further information, contact Gainwell Technology at (800) 766-4456 (Toll free).**

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| 11313 | 15130 | 15572 | 17261 | 17313 | 22548 | 26356 | 27325 |
| 11750 | 15135 | 15574 | 17262 | 17314 | 22551 | 26358 | 27326 |
| 14001 | 15150 | 15576 | 17263 | 17315 | 22552 | 26370 | 27329 |
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| 14041 | 15157 | 15620 | 17270 | 19303 | 22634 | 26390 | 27422 |
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| 63015 | 63270 | 64468 | 64681 | 67882 | 69706 | 93455 | 96571 |
| 63016 | 63271 | 64469 | 66683 | 67901 | 69716 | 93456 | 97007 |
| 63017 | 63272 | 64473 | 66820 | 67914 | 75580 | 93457 | 99471 |
| 63045 | 63273 | 64474 | 66821 | 67916 | 76828 | 93458 | 99472 |
| 63046 | 63275 | 64483 | 66830 | 67917 | 76883 | 93459 | 99475 |
| 63170 | 63276 | 64484 | 66840 | 67921 | 90911 | 93460 | 99476 |
| 63180 | 63277 | 64491 | 66850 | 67923 | 92065 | 93461 | 96202 |
| 63182 | 63278 | 64567 | 66852 | 67924 | 92521 | 93503 | 96203 |
| 63185 | 63280 | 64568 | 66920 | 67950 | 92522 | 93530 |       |
| 63190 | 63281 | 64569 | 66930 | 67961 | 92523 | 93531 |       |
| 63191 | 63282 | 64582 | 66940 | 67966 | 92524 | 93532 |       |



## Appendix P Drug and Pharmacy Information

For specific information regarding services, coverage, and limitations under the Pharmacy program, please see the Pharmacy Services manual, the Medicaid Preferred Drug List, and relevant Banner Messages available online at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov). Paper copies of the manual or Drug List may be obtained from the Division's fiscal agent by contacting the Gainwell Technology at 1 (800) 766-4456.

### Georgia Medicaid FFS Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad (TRPP)- Prescriber Update

On October 1, 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) tamper-resistant prescription law took effect requiring all handwritten and/or computer generated (by an electronic medical record (EMR) or prescribing applications) printed prescriptions for fee-for-service Medicaid patients contain at least one industry recognized feature from each of the three categories of tamper resistance.

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Office of the Inspector General Program Integrity division is required to enforce this federal requirement. Any payment made for a prescription that does not comply with this requirement will be recouped by the Department. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) strongly supports both e-prescribing and the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads as methods to reduce instances of unauthorized, improperly altered, and counterfeit prescriptions.

#### A. Review of CMS Requirements for TRPP:

| Required tamper-resistant characteristics include one or more industry-recognized features designed to: |   | Examples include but are not limited to:  |
|---|---|---|
| 1   | <b>Prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High security watermark on reverse side of blank</li><li>• Thermochromic ink technology</li><li>• Photocopied prescription blanks show the word "Copy," "Illegal," or "Void."</li></ul> |
| 2   | <b>Prevent erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tamper-resistant background ink shows erasures or attempts to change written information</li></ul>  |
| 3   | <b>Prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Duplicate or triplicate blanks</li></ul>  |

Summary of features that could be used on a tamper-resistant pad/paper in compliance with the CMS guidelines

**Category 1 – Copy Resistance:** One or more industry recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>“Void” “Illegal” or “Copy” pantograph <u>with or without</u> Reverse “Rx”</p>  | <p>The word “Void” “Illegal” or “Copy” appears when the prescription is photocopied. Except where state law mandates the word “Void” or “Illegal” – it is recommended that the pantograph show The word “Copy” if the prescription is copied. The pantograph should be placed so as not to obscure the security feature description contained on the prescription, the patient and prescriber demographics, or the medication and directions.</p> <p>Some pantographs can be problematic because when the Prescription is copied, the resulting “void” or other wording that appears makes the underlying prescription difficult to read. These types of pantographs should be avoided. Providers may wish to ask their pad vendor about hollow “VOID” pantograph lettering which is less likely to obscure the information.</p> <p>The Reverse Rx disappears when photocopied at a light setting – thus making the pantograph more effective in copy resistance. The pantograph may be used with a reverse Rx, but Reverse Rx is not effective as a feature by itself.</p> |
| <p>Micro printing – To be effective, this feature must be printed in 0.5 font or less making it illegible to the pharmacist when copied</p> | <p>Very small font which is legible (readable) when viewed at 5x magnification or greater, and illegible when copied.</p>   |
| <p>Thermochromic ink</p>  | <p>Ink changes color with temperature change.</p>   |
| <p>Coin-reactive ink</p>  | <p>Ink changes color when rubbed by a coin.</p>   |
| <p><u>Watermarking</u><br/>Security back print (artificial watermark)</p> <p>Digital watermarks</p> <p>Watermarking on special paper</p>    | <p>Printed on the back of prescription form. The most popular wording for the security back print is “Security Prescription” or the security back print can include the states name. Can only be seen when viewed at an angle.</p> <p>Weak digital watermarks cannot be read if copied and strong digital watermarks provide digital rights management/ “proof” of origin when copied.</p> <p>Special paper contains a watermark that can be seen when Backlit</p>  |

**Category 2– Erasure / Modification Resistance:** One or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written / printed on the prescription by the prescriber.

| Features to Prevent Erasure | Description |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
|-----------------------------|-------------|

|   |  |
|---|--|
| An erasure revealing background<br><br>(erasure resistance)   | Background that consists of a solid color or consistent pattern that has been printed onto the paper. This will inhibit a forger from physically erasing written or printed information on a prescription form. If someone tries to erase, the consistent background color will look altered and show the color of the underlying paper.   |
| Toner Receptor Coating / Toner<br><br>Lock or Color Lock paper (erasure resistance for computer generated prescriptions printed with a laser printer)<br><br>OR<br><br>Chemically reactive paper (erasure resistance for handwritten prescriptions) | Special printer paper that establishes a strong bond between laser printed text and paper, making erasure obvious.<br><br><b>Note – this is NOT necessary for inkjet printers – as the ink from inkjet printers is absorbed into normal “bond” paper.</b><br><br>If exposed to chemical solvents, oxidants, acids, or alkalis that can be used to alter the prescription, the chemically reactive paper will react and leave a mark visible to the pharmacist. |
| <b>Features to Prevent Modification</b>   | <b>Description</b>   |
| Quantity check boxes and refill indicator (circle or check number of refills or NR)   | In addition to the written quantity on the prescription, quantities are indicated in ranges. It is recommended that ranges be in 25’s with the highest being “151 and over”. The range box corresponding to the quantity prescribed MUST be checked for the prescription to be valid.<br><br>The refill indicator indicates the number of refills on the prescription. Refill numbers must be used to be a valid prescription.                                 |
| Pre-printed language on prescription<br><br>Paper<br><br>Example: “Rx is void if more than<br><br>XXX Rx’s on paper”  | Reduces ability to add medications to the prescription. Line must be completed for this feature to be valid. Computer printer paper can accommodate this feature by printing, “This space intentionally left blank” in an empty space or quadrant.   |
| Quantity and Refill Border and Fill<br><br>(this is the recommended for computer generated prescriptions)   | Quantities and refill # are surrounded by special characters such as an asterisk to prevent modification, e.g. QTY **50** Value may also be expressed as text, e.g. FIFTY, (optional).   |
| <b>Category 3 – Counterfeit Resistance:</b> One or more industry-recognized feature designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.  |  |

| Feature  | Description  |
|--|--|
| Security features and descriptions listed on prescriptions – this feature is strongly recommended on all prescriptions | Complete list of the security features on the prescription paper for compliance purposes. This is strongly recommended to aid pharmacists in identification of features implemented on prescription. |
| Thermochromic ink  | Ink changes color with temperature change.   |
| Encoding techniques (bar codes)  | Bar codes on prescription. Serial number or Batch number is encoded in a bar code.   |
| Security Thread  | Metal or plastic security threads embedded in paper as used in currency.   |

**B. Best Practices for Tamper Resistant Printed Prescriptions (Handwritten)**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Category 1 | A) Photocopied “COPY”, “ILLEGAL”, or “VOID” Pantograph   |
| Category 2 | A) An Erasure revealing background (resists erasures and alterations)<br>B) Quantity check boxes<br>C) Refill indicator (circle number of refills or “NR”) |
| Category 3 | A) Security features and descriptions listed on the prescription   |

## Best Practices for Tamper Resistant Printed Prescriptions (Handwritten)

### Front

**Void or Copy Pantograph:** displays “VOID” or “ILLEGAL” on a color copy of an Rx. It will appear on a wide range of copier settings. (Cat. 1)

**SPRINGHAVEN MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
1234 HEALTH CENTER DRIVE  
DAYTON, OH 45408  
PHONE 1-937-221-1234 • FAX 1-937- 434-5678

**JOHN R. SMITH, M.D.**  
Lic: 123456 • DEA: XX1234567  
NPI: 2222222222

**HELEN C. DOE, M.D.**  
Lic: 123456 • DEA: XX1234567  
NPI: 2222222222

|                     |     |               |
|---------------------|-----|---------------|
| PATIENT'S FULL NAME | SEX | DATE OF BIRTH |
| ADDRESS             |     | DATE          |

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**Preprinted Text Fields:** Quantity check boxes, refill indicators, and preprinted limitations or guidelines make the Rx harder to modify. (Cat.2)

Refills 1 2 3 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
No Refills Void After \_\_\_\_\_

PREScriBER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
DEA #: \_\_\_\_\_

TEST AREA

**VALID FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

### Back

**Chemically-Protected Paper:** Invisible coating causes “VOID” or a stain to appear on a handwritten Rx when altered by a wide range of chemicals. Toner receptor coating protects laser-printed Rx data from being removed or altered. (Cat. 2) Recommended for use with Preprinted Text Fields

**Security Features List:** a prominent display of the prescriptions features, sometimes part of a “Warning Band” or box. (CMS 3)

**Heat-Sensitive Image:** an Rx, logo or other symbol printed with thermochromic ink, so the image changes color or disappears when it is rubbed briskly or exposed to warm breath. (CMS 1 and 3)

**Photocopy Void or Copy Pantograph:** displays “VOID” or “ILLEGAL” on a color copy of an Rx. It will appear on a wide range of copier settings. (CMS 1)

**Chemically-Protected Paper:** Coating causes “VOID” or a stain to appear on a handwritten Rx when altered by a wide range of chemicals. Toner receptor coating protects laser-printed Rx data from being removed or altered. (CMS 2)

**Preprinted Text Fields:** Quantity check boxes, refill indicators, and preprinted limitations or guidelines make the Rx harder to modify. (CMS 2).

### Example of a Color Copied Prescription

**SPRINGHAVEN MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
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PHONE 1-937-221-1234 • FAX 1-937- 434-5678

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|                     |     |               |
|---------------------|-----|---------------|
| PATIENT'S FULL NAME | SEX | DATE OF BIRTH |
| ADDRESS             |     | DATE          |

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Refills 1 2 3 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
No Refills Void After \_\_\_\_\_

PREScriBER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
DEA #: \_\_\_\_\_

TEST AREA

**VALID FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**Hollow Pantograph:** VOID or ILLEGAL is designed to not obscure or block vital information. Often showing strongest intensity at the “top” or the document. These pantographs generally do not “pop” on a black and white fax

C. Best Practices for Tamper Resistant Printed Prescriptions (Generated by an EMR)

Example A

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Washington Medical Group</b><br>555 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20001<br>202-222-2222 (Fax) 202-222-1111 |                         |
| <b>Name</b> Jane Q Public   | <b>Date</b> 06/29/2008  |
| <b>Addr</b> 123 Main Street   | <b>DOB</b> 07/04/1960   |
| <b>City</b> Washington, DC 20001  | <b>Ph:</b> 202-555-5555 |

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HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG CAPS One (1) tab by mouth each morning  
Generic: HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE  
Disp \*\*\*30\*\*\* THIRTY (2)  
Refill \*\*\*3\*\*\* THREE

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Security Features: (\*) boxed & spelled quantities, microprint signature line visible at 5x or > magnification that must show THIS IS AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION & the description of features (3)

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(1) John Smith, MD  
NPI# 1111111111

Category #1 – Copy Resistance: Microprint signature line\*

Category #2 – Modification / Erasure Resistance: Border characteristics (dispense and refill # bordered by asterisks AND spelled out)

Category #2 – Modification / Erasure Resistance: Printed on “toner-lock” paper


Category #3 – Counterfeit Resistance: Listing of security features

\*Microprint Line viewed at 5x magnification

**\*This is an original prescription**



Example B

|   |                         |   |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| The Center for Women's Health<br>555 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington CT 20001<br>202-222-2222 (Fax) 202-222-1111   |                         | (1)  |
| <b>Name</b> Jane Q. Public  | <b>Date</b> 06/29/2008  |   |
| <b>Addr</b> 123 Main Street   | <b>DOB</b> 07/04/1960   |   |
| <b>City</b> Washington, CT 06597  | <b>Ph:</b> 860-555-5555 |   |
| HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG (1) One (1) tab by mouth each morning   |                         |   |
| Generic: HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE  |                         |   |
| Disp ***30*** THIRTY (2)  |                         |   |
| Refill ***3*** THREE  |                         |   |
| Security features include: (*) bordered and spelled quantities, a void pantograph and reverse Rx (when copied - the prescription will say "COPY" and the "Rx" in the upper right corner will NOT be visible), and this description of features. (3) |                         |   |
| John Smith, MD<br>NPI# 1111111111   |                         |   |

Category #1 – Void/Illegal/Copy Pantograph with or without Reverse Rx

Category #2 – Modification / Erasure Resistance: Border characteristics (dispense and refill # bordered by asterisks AND spelled out)

Category #2 – Modification / Erasure Resistance: Printed on “toner-lock” paper for laser printed prescriptions, and on plain bond paper for inkjet printer prescriptions

Category #3 – Counterfeit Resistance: Listing of security features

## **Appendix Q**

### **Copayments for Certain Services**

Effective with dates of service July 1, 2005, the Division is implementing a tiered member co-payment scale as described in 42CFR447.54 on all evaluation and management procedure codes (99202–99499) including the ophthalmologic services procedure codes (92002–92014) used by physicians or physicians' assistants.

The tiered co-payment amounts are as follows:

| <u>State's payment for the service</u> | <u>Maximum co-payment chargeable to members</u> |
|--|---|
| \$10.00 or less                        | \$0.50  |
| \$10.01 to \$25.00                     | \$1.00  |
| \$25.01 to \$50.00                     | \$2.00  |
| \$50.01 or more                        | \$3.00  |

The co-payment will be deducted from each evaluation and management procedure code billed unless the member is included in one of the exempted groups below.

**A. The co-payment does not apply to the following members:**

- i. Pregnant women
- ii. Nursing facility residents
- iii. Hospice care members
- iv. Members under 21

Women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and receiving Medicaid under the Women's Health Medicaid Program, aid categories 245 and 800 only.

**B. The co-payment does not apply to the following services:**

- i. Dialysis
- ii. Emergency services
- iii. Family Planning services (must bill with medical diagnosis)
- iv. Waiver Services

The provider may not deny services to any eligible Medicaid member because of the member's inability to pay the co-payment.

The provider should check the Eligibility Certification (Medicaid card) each month to identify those individuals who may be responsible for the co-payment. The Eligibility



Certification has been modified to include a co-payment column adjacent to the date-of- birth section. When “yes” appears in this column for a specified member, the member may be subject to the co-payment.

- C. The Division may not be able to identify all members who are exempt from the co-payment. Therefore, providers should identify the members by entering the following indicators in field 24(H) of CMS 1500 claim form:

|    |   |                          |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| P  | = | Pregnant                 |
| S  | = | Nursing facility members |
| H  | = | Hospice                  |
| E  | = | Emergency services       |
| FP | = | Family Planning          |

Gainwell Technology will automatically deduct the co-payment amount from the provider’s payment for claims processed with dates of service July 1, 2005, and after. Do not deduct the co-payment from your submitted charges. The application of the co-payment will be identified on the remittance advice. A new explanation of benefit (EOB) code will indicate payment has been reduced due to the application of co-payment.

#### Pharmacy Services

Refer to the Pharmacy Service Manual for current policy and copayment requirements.

## **Appendix R**

### **Telemedicine and Telehealth**

The Department of Community Health's (DCH) Telemedicine and Telehealth policies are slated to improve and increase access and efficiency to health care services by enabling medical services to be delivered via telemedicine methods in Georgia. Telemedicine services are not an expansion of Georgia Medicaid covered services, but an option for the delivery of certain covered services. Telemedicine will allow DCH to meet the needs of members and providers, while complying with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The quality of health care services delivered must be maintained regardless of the mode of delivery.

Telemedicine is the use of medical information exchange from one site to another via electronic communications to improve patients' health status. It is the use of two-way, real-time interactive communication equipment to exchange patient information from one site to another via an electronic communication system. This includes audio and video telecommunication equipment. Closely associated with telemedicine is the term "telehealth," which is often used to encompass a broader definition of remote healthcare that does not always involve clinical services. Telehealth is the use of telecommunication technologies for clinical care (telemedicine), patient teachings and home health, health professional education (distance learning), administrative and program planning, and other diverse aspects of a health care delivery system.

The intent of our telemedicine services policy is to improve access to essential healthcare services that may not otherwise be available for Medicaid eligible members. Telemedicine is not a separate medical specialty. Products and services related to telemedicine are often part of a larger investment by health care institutions in either information technology or the delivery of clinical care. When a provider, licensed in the state of Georgia, determines that medical care can be provided via electronic communication with no loss in the quality or efficacy of the member's care, telemedicine services can be performed. The use of a telecommunications system may substitute for an in-person encounter for professional office visits, pharmacologic management, limited office psychiatric services, limited radiological services and a limited number of other physician fee schedule services.

An interactive telecommunications system is required as a condition of payment. The originating site's system, at a minimum, must have the capability of allowing the distant site provider to visually examine the patient's entire body including body orifices (such as ear canals, nose and throat). The distant site provider should also have the capability to hear heart tones and lung sounds clearly (using a stethoscope) if medically necessary and currently within the provider's scope of practice. The telecommunication system must be secure and adequate to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the information transmitted.

For specific information regarding services, coverage, and limitations for Telemedicine Services, please see the Georgia Telemedicine Handbook, and relevant Banner Messages available online at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).

## **Appendix S**

### **Provider's Guide to HIV Pre-Test and Post-Test Counseling**

All providers who provide prenatal care to pregnant women in their first trimester (before 13 weeks) are required to include voluntary HIV AIDS counseling and testing as a fundamental component of comprehensive prenatal care to receive the \$100.00 incentive pay. Additionally, every physician and health care provider who provides prenatal care of a pregnant woman during the third trimester of gestation shall offer to test such pregnant woman for HIV and syphilis at the time of first examination during that trimester or as soon as possible thereafter, regardless of whether such testing was performed during the first two trimesters of her pregnancy. Please refer to the Independent Lab Services Manual for a list of covered procedure codes for HIV and syphilis.

#### **A. HIV PRE-TEST COUNSELING**

- i. Discuss With Pregnant Women
  1. Prior history of HIV counseling and testing
  2. Nature of AIDS and HIV-related illness
  3. Benefits of early diagnosis and medical intervention
  4. HIV transmission and risk reduction behaviors
  5. Benefits of early diagnosis for preventing perinatal transmission and for treatment of newborn

#### **B. INFORMED CONSENT FOR HIV BLOOD TEST**

- i. Obtain written informed consent, prior to ordering test, from patient or person authorized to consent.
- ii. Provide the patient with a copy of the consent form or document containing all pertinent information.
- iii. Consider patient's ability, regardless of age, to comprehend the nature and consequences of HIV blood testing. If the patient's ability to understand is temporarily impaired, defer testing.
- iv. Explain tests and procedures:
  1. Purpose of the test
  2. Meaning of test results
  3. Testing is voluntary
  4. Consent may be withdrawn at any time
- v. Explain protections of confidential HIV-related information and conditions of authorized disclosures.

- vi. A licensed physician or other person authorized by law to order a laboratory test must sign all orders for HIV blood testing and certify the receipt of informed consent.
- vii. Schedule appointment for delivery of test results and post-test counseling (allow sufficient time for completion of confirmatory testing).

### **C. COMMUNICATE TEST RESULTS AND PROVIDE POST-TEST COUNSELING**

Deliver test results to patient or authorized proxy in person.

- i. For patients with NEGATIVE test results:
  - 1. Discuss meaning of the test results:
  - 2. Discuss possibility of HIV exposure during past six months and need to consider retesting:
  - 3. Emphasize that a negative test result does not imply immunity to future infection:
  - 4. Reinforce personal risk reduction strategies:
- ii. For Patients with POSITIVE Test Results:
  - 1. Discuss the meaning of the test results:
  - 2. Discuss availability of medical care including prophylaxis for opportunistic infections and antiretroviral therapy:
  - 3. Discuss and recommend use of ZVD, consistent with clinical practice guideline, to reduce risks of maternal-child transmission; discuss risk of HIV transmission through breastfeeding:
  - 4. Discuss partner/contact notification, help:
  - 5. Encourage referral of partners and children for HIV testing:
  - 6. Provide counseling or refer to counseling:
    - (a) For coping with the emotional consequences of test results
    - (b) For behavior change to prevent transmission of HIV infection
  - 7. Provide or refer to medical support and services needed:

Note: Document the provision of pre/post-test counseling and the test results in the patient's record.

### **D. MATERNAL-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION PREVENTION COUNSELING**

Counseling should explain the benefits of early diagnosis for preventing perinatal transmission and for treatment of the newborn.

i. Before Prescribing Any Regimen:

1. Discuss with HIV-infected patient risks and benefits of antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum use of ZDV therapy to reduce the risk of maternal-child HIV transmission:
2. Discuss patient concerns:
3. Obtain ZDV use history:

**Appendix T**  
**Statement of Participation**

The new Statement of Participation  
is available in the Provider Enrollment Application Package.

Written request for copies should be forwarded to:

Provider Enrollment

Access online at [www.MMIS.georgia.gov](http://www.MMIS.georgia.gov)

OR

Phone your request to:

1 (800) 766-4456

## **Appendix U**

### **Gainwell Technology**

#### **Provider Correspondence**

Gainwell Technology

P.O. Box 105200

Tucker, GA 30085-5201

#### **Provider Enrollment**

Gainwell Technology

P.O. Box 88030

Atlanta, GA 30356

#### **Prior Authorization & Pre-Certification**

Alliant

P.O. Box 105329

Tucker, GA 30348

(800) 766-4456 (Toll Free)

#### **Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)**

1-800-267-8785

Asynchronous

Web portal

Physical media

Network Data Mover (NDM)

Systems Network Architecture (SNA)

Transmission Control Protocol/

Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)

#### **Provider Inquiry Numbers:**

800-766-4456 (Toll free)

The web contact address is

<http://www.mmis.georgia.gov>

## **Appendix V**

### **Georgia Families**

Georgia Families® (GF) is a statewide program designed to deliver health care services to members of Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids®, and Planning for Healthy Babies® (P4HB) recipients. The program is a partnership between the Department of Community Health (DCH) and private care management organizations (CMOs). By providing a choice of health plans, Georgia Families allows members to select a health care plan that fits their needs.

It is important to note that GF is a full-risk program; this means that the three CMOs licensed in Georgia to participate in GF are responsible and accept full financial risk for providing and authorizing covered services. This also means a greater focus on case and disease management with an emphasis on preventative care to improve individual health outcomes.

The three licensed CMOs:

Amerigroup Community Care  
1-800-454-3730  
[www.amerigroup.com](http://www.amerigroup.com)

Peach State Health Plan  
866-874-0633  
[www.pshpgeorgia.com](http://www.pshpgeorgia.com)

CareSource  
1-855-202-1058  
[www.caresource.com](http://www.caresource.com)

Children, parent/caretaker with children, pregnant women and women with breast or cervical cancer on Medicaid, as well as children enrolled in PeachCare for Kids® are eligible to participate in Georgia Families. Additionally, Planning for Healthy Babies® (P4HB) recipients receive services through Georgia Families® (GF). Children in foster care or receiving adoption assistance and certain youths committed to juvenile justice are enrolled in Georgia Families 360°.



Eligibility Categories for Georgia Families:

| <b>Included Populations</b>                          | <b>Excluded Populations</b>  |
|--|--|
| Parent/Caretaker with Children                       | Aged, Blind and Disabled   |
| Transitional Medicaid                                | Nursing home   |
| Pregnant Women (Right from the Start Medicaid – RSM) | Long-term care (Waivers, SOURCE)   |
| Children (Right from the Start Medicaid – RSM)       | Federally Recognized Indian Tribe  |
| Children (newborn)                                   | Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP)   |
| Women Eligible Due to Breast and Cervical Cancer     | Hospice  |
| PeachCare for Kids®                                  | Children’s Medical Services program                                      |
| Parent/Caretaker with Children                       | Medicare Eligible  |
| Children under 19                                    | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid                              |
| Women’s Health Medicaid (WHM)                        | Medically Needy  |
| Refugees   | Recipients enrolled under group health plans                             |
| Planning for Healthy Babies®                         | Individuals enrolled in a Community Based Alternatives for Youths (CBAY) |
| Resource Mothers Outreach                            |  |

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® members will continue to be eligible for the same services they receive through traditional Medicaid and state Value Added Benefits. Members will not have to pay more than they paid for Medicaid co-payments or PeachCare for Kids® premiums. With a focus on health and wellness, the CMOs will provide members with health education and prevention programs giving them the tools needed to live healthier lives. Providers participating in Georgia Families will have the added assistance of the CMOs to educate members about accessing care, referrals to specialists, member benefits, and health and wellness education. All three CMOs are State-wide.

The Department of Community Health has contracted with three CMOs to provide these services:

- a) Amerigroup Community Care
- b) CareSource
- c) Peach State Health Plan

Members can contact Georgia Families for assistance to determine which program best fits their family’s needs. If members do not select a plan, Georgia Families will select a health plan for them. Members can visit the Georgia Families Web site at [www.georgia-families.com](http://www.georgia-families.com) or call 1-800-GA-ENROLL (1-888-423-6765) to speak to a representative who can give them information about the CMOs and the health care providers.

The following categories of eligibility are included and excluded under Georgia Families:

Included Categories of Eligibility (COE):

| <b>COE</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                              |
|------------|---|
| 104        | LIM – Adult                                     |
| 105        | LIM – Child                                     |
| 118        | LIM – 1st Yr Trans Med Ast Adult                |
| 119        | LIM – 1st Yr Trans Med Ast Child                |
| 122        | CS Adult 4 Month Extended                       |
| 123        | CS Child 4 Month Extended                       |
| 135        | Newborn Child                                   |
| 170        | RSM Pregnant Women                              |
| 171        | RSM Child                                       |
| 180        | P4HB Inter Pregnancy Care                       |
| 181        | P4HB Family Planning Only                       |
| 182        | P4HB ROMC - LIM                                 |
| 183        | P4HB ROMC - ABD                                 |
| 194        | RSM Expansion Pregnant Women                    |
| 195        | RSM Expansion Child < 1 Yr                      |
| 196        | RSM Expn Child w/DOB < = 10/1/83                |
| 197        | RSM Preg Women Income < 185 FPL                 |
| 245        | Women’s Health Medicaid                         |
| 471        | RSM Child                                       |
| 506        | Refugee (DMP) – Adult                           |
| 507        | Refugee (DMP) – Child                           |
| 508        | Post Ref Extended Med – Adult                   |
| 509        | Post Ref Extended Med – Child                   |
| 510        | Refugee MAO – Adult                             |
| 511        | Refugee MAO – Child                             |
| 571        | Refugee RSM - Child                             |
| 595        | Refugee RSM Exp. Child < 1                      |
| 596        | Refugee RSM Exp Child DOB < / = 10/01/83        |
| 790        | Peachcare < 150% FPL                            |
| 791        | Peachcare 150 – 200% FPL                        |
| 792        | Peachcare 201 – 235% FPL                        |
| 793        | Peachcare > 235% FPL                            |
| 835        | Newborn   |
| 836        | Newborn (DFACS)                                 |
| 871        | RSM (DHACS)                                     |
| 876        | RSM Pregnant Women (DHACS)                      |
| 894        | RSM Exp Pregnant Women (DHACS)                  |
| 895        | RSM Exp Child < 1 (DHACS)                       |
| 897        | RSM Pregnant Women Income > 185% FPL<br>(DHACS) |
| 898        | RSM Child < 1 Mother has Aid = 897 (DHACS)      |
| 918        | LIM Adult                                       |
| 919        | LIM Child                                       |
| 920        | Refugee Adult                                   |
| 921        | Refugee Child                                   |

Excluded Categories of Eligibility (COE):

| <b>COE</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                      |
|------------|---|
| 124        | Standard Filing Unit – Adult            |
| 125        | Standard Filing Unit – Child            |
| 131        | Child Welfare Foster Care               |
| 132        | State Funded Adoption Assistance        |
| 147        | Family Medically Needy Spend down       |
| 148        | Pregnant Women Medical Needy Spend down |
| 172        | RSM 150% Expansion                      |
| 180        | Interconceptional Waiver                |
| 210        | Nursing Home – Aged                     |
| 211        | Nursing Home – Blind                    |
| 212        | Nursing Home – Disabled                 |
| 215        | 30 Day Hospital – Aged                  |
| 216        | 30 Day Hospital – Blind                 |
| 217        | 30 Day Hospital – Disabled              |
| 218        | Protected Med/1972 Cola - Aged          |
| 219        | Protected Med/1972 Cola – Blind         |
| 220        | Protected Med/1972 Cola - Disabled      |
| 221        | Disabled Widower 1984 Cola - Aged       |
| 222        | Disabled Widower 1984 Cola – Blind      |
| 223        | Disabled Widower 1984 Cola – Disabled   |
| 224        | Pickle - Aged                           |
| 225        | Pickle – Blind                          |
| 226        | Pickle – Disabled                       |
| 227        | Disabled Adult Child - Aged             |
| 227        | Disabled Adult Child - Aged             |
| 229        | Disabled Adult Child – Disabled         |
| 230        | Disabled Widower Age 50-59 – Aged       |
| 231        | Disabled Widower Age 50-59 – Blind      |
| 232        | Disabled Widower Age 50-59 – Disabled   |
| 233        | Widower Age 60-64 – Aged                |
| 234        | Widower Age 60-64 – Blind               |
| 235        | Widower Age 60-64 – Disabled            |
| 236        | 3 Mo. Prior Medicaid – Aged             |
| 237        | 3 Mo. Prior Medicaid – Blind            |
| 238        | 3 Mo. Prior Medicaid – Disabled         |
| 239        | Abd Med. Needy Defacto – Aged           |
| 240        | Abd Med. Needy Defacto – Blind          |
| 241        | Abd Med. Needy Defacto – Disabled       |
| 242        | Abd Med Spend down – Aged               |
| 243        | Abd Med Spend down – Blind              |
| 244        | Abd Med Spend down – Disabled           |
| 246        | Ticket to Work                          |
| 247        | Disabled Child – 1996                   |
| 250        | Deeming Waiver                          |
| 251        | Independent Waiver                      |
| 252        | Mental Retardation Waiver               |

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| 253 | Laurens Co. Waiver                   |
| 254 | HIV Waiver                           |
| 255 | Cystic Fibrosis Waiver               |
| 259 | Community Care Waiver                |
| 280 | Hospice – Aged                       |
| 281 | Hospice – Blind                      |
| 282 | Hospice – Disabled                   |
| 283 | LTC Med. Needy Defacto – Aged        |
| 284 | LTC Med. Needy Defacto – Blind       |
| 285 | LTC Med. Needy Defacto – Disabled    |
| 286 | LTC Med. Needy Spend down – Aged     |
| 287 | LTC Med. Needy Spend down – Blind    |
| 288 | LTC Med. Needy Spend down – Disabled |
| 289 | Institutional Hospice – Aged         |
| 290 | Institutional Hospice – Blind        |
| 291 | Institutional Hospice – Disabled     |
| 301 | SSI – Aged                           |
| 302 | SSI – Blind                          |
| 303 | SSI – Disabled                       |
| 304 | SSI Appeal – Aged                    |
| 305 | SSI Appeal – Blind                   |
| 306 | SSI Appeal – Disabled                |
| 307 | SSI Work Continuance – Aged          |
| 309 | SSI Work Continuance – Disabled      |
| 308 | SSI Work Continuance – Blind         |
| 315 | SSI Zebley Child                     |
| 321 | SSI E02 Month – Aged                 |
| 322 | SSI E02 Month – Blind                |
| 323 | SSI E02 Month – Disabled             |
| 387 | SSI Trans. Medicaid – Aged           |
| 388 | SSI Trans. Medicaid – Blind          |
| 389 | SSI Trans. Medicaid – Disabled       |
| 410 | Nursing Home – Aged                  |
| 411 | Nursing Home – Blind                 |
| 412 | Nursing Home – Disabled              |
| 424 | Pickle – Aged                        |
| 425 | Pickle – Blind                       |
| 426 | Pickle – Disabled                    |
| 427 | Disabled Adult Child – Aged          |
| 428 | Disabled Adult Child – Blind         |
| 429 | Disabled Adult Child – Disabled      |
| 445 | N07 Child                            |
| 446 | Widower – Aged                       |
| 447 | Widower – Blind                      |
| 448 | Widower – Disabled                   |
| 460 | Qualified Medicare Beneficiary       |
| 466 | Spec. Low Inc. Medicare Beneficiary  |
| 575 | Refugee Med. Needy Spend down        |
| 660 | Qualified Medicare Beneficiary       |

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|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 661 | Spec. Low Income Medicare Beneficiary |
| 662 | Q11 Beneficiary                       |
| 663 | Q12 Beneficiary                       |
| 664 | Qua. Working Disabled Individual      |
| 815 | Aged Inmate                           |
| 817 | Disabled Inmate                       |
| 870 | Emergency Alien – Adult               |
| 873 | Emergency Alien – Child               |
| 874 | Pregnant Adult Inmate                 |
| 915 | Aged MAO                              |
| 916 | Blind MAO                             |
| 917 | Disabled MAO                          |
| 983 | Aged Medically Needy                  |
| 984 | Blind Medically Needy                 |
| 985 | Disabled Medically Needy              |

### Health Care Providers

For information regarding the participating health plans (enrollment, rates, and procedures), please call the numbers listed below.

Prior to providing services, you should contact the member's health plan to verify eligibility, PCP assignment and covered benefits. You should also contact the health plan to check prior authorizations and submit claims.

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b>  | <b>CareSource</b>   | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| 800-454-3730<br><br>(general information)<br><br><a href="http://www.amerigroup.com">www.amerigroup.com</a> | 1-855-202-1058<br><br><a href="http://www.careSource.com/Georgia">www.careSource.com/Georgia</a><br><a href="http://www.careSource.com/Medicaid">Medicaid</a> | 866-874-0633 (general information)<br><br>866-874-0633 (claims)<br><br>800-704-1483 (medical management)<br><br><a href="http://www.pshpgeorgia.com">www.pshpgeorgia.com</a> |

### Registering immunizations with GRITS:

If you are a Vaccine for Children (VFC) provider, please continue to use the GRITS (Georgia Immunization Registry) system for all children, including those in Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids®, fee-for-service, and managed care.

### Important tips for the provider to know/do when a member comes in:

Understanding the process for verifying eligibility is now more important than ever. You will need to determine if the patient is eligible for Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® benefits and if they are enrolled in a Georgia Families health plan. Each plan sets its own medical management and referral processes. Members will have a new identification card and primary care provider assignment.

You may also contact GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES at 1-800-766-4456 (statewide) or [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) for information on a member's health plan.

**Use of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) web portal:**

The call center and web portal will be able to provide you information about a member's Medicaid eligibility and health plan enrollment. GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES will **not** be able to assist you with benefits, claims processing or prior approvals for members assigned to a Georgia Families health plan. You will need to contact the member's plan directly for this information.

**Participating in a Georgia Families' health plan:**

Each health plan will assign provider numbers, which will be different from the provider's Medicaid provider number and the numbers assigned by other health plans.

**Billing the health plans for services provided:**

For members who are in Georgia Families, you should file claims with the member's health plan.

**If a claim is submitted to GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES in error:**

GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES will deny the claim with a specific denial code. Prior to receiving this denial, you may go ahead and submit the claim to the member's health plan.

**Credentialing**

Effective August 1, 2015, Georgia's Department of Community Health (DCH) implemented a NCQA certified Centralized Credentialing Verification Process utilizing a Credentialing Verification Organization (CVO). This functionality has been added to the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) website ([www.MMIS.georgia.gov](http://www.MMIS.georgia.gov)) and has streamlined the time frame that it takes for a provider to be fully credentialed.

Credentialing and recredentialing services is provided for Medicaid providers enrolled in Georgia Families and/or the Georgia Families 360° program.

This streamlined process results in administrative simplification thereby preventing inconsistencies, as well as the need for a provider to be credentialed or recredentialed multiple times.

The CVO's one-source application process:

- a) Saves time
- b) Increases efficiency
- c) Eliminates duplication of data needed for multiple CMOs
- d) Shortens the time period for providers to receive credentialing and recredentialing decisions

The CVO will perform primary source verification, check federal and state databases, obtain information from Medicare's Provider Enrollment Chain Ownership System (PECOS), check required medical malpractice insurance, confirm Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) numbers, etc. A Credentialing Committee will render a decision regarding the provider's credentialing status. Applications that contain all required credentialing and recredentialing materials at the time of submission will receive a decision within 45 calendar days. Incomplete applications that do not contain all required credentialing documents will be returned to the provider with a request to supplement all missing materials. Incomplete applications may result in a delayed credentialing or recredentialing decision. The credentialing decision is provided to the CMOs.

GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES provider reps will provide training and assistance as needed. Providers may contact GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES for assistance with credentialing and recredentialing by dialing 1-800-766-4456.

#### **Assignment of separate provider numbers by all of the health plans:**

Each health plan will assign provider numbers, which will be different from the provider's Medicaid provider number and the numbers assigned by other health plans.

#### **Billing the health plans for services provided:**

For members who are in Georgia Families, you should file claims with the member's health plan.

#### **If a claim is submitted to GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES in error:**

GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES will deny the claim with a specific denial code. Prior to receiving this denial, you may go ahead and submit the claim to the member's health plan.

#### **Receiving payment:**

Claims should be submitted to the member's health plan. Each health plan has its own claims processing and you should consult the health plan about their payment procedures.

#### **Health plans payment of clean claims:**

Each health plan (and subcontractors) has its own claims processing and payment cycles. The claims processing and payment timeframes are as follows:

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b>   | <b>CareSource</b>   | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| Amerigroup runs claims cycles twice each week (on Monday and Thursday) for clean claims that have been adjudicated.<br><br>Monday Claims run: Checks mailed on Tuesday. Providers enrolled in ERA/EFT receive the ACH on Thursday. | CareSource runs claims cycles twice each week on Saturdays and Tuesdays for clean claims that have been adjudicated.<br><br>Pharmacy: Payment cycles for pharmacies are weekly on Wednesdays. | Peach State has two weekly claims payment cycles per week that produces payments for clean claims to providers on Monday and Wednesday.<br><br>For further information, please refer to the Peach State website, or the Peach State provider manual. |

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|---|--|--|
| <p>Thursday Claims run: Checks mailed on Wednesday. Providers enrolled in ERA/EFT receive the ACH on Tuesday.</p> <p>Dental: Checks are mailed weekly on Thursday for clean claims.</p> <p>Vision: Checks are mailed weekly on Wednesday for clean claims (beginning June 7th)</p> <p>Pharmacy: Checks are mailed to pharmacies weekly on Friday (except when a holiday falls on Friday, then mailed the next business day)</p> |  |  |
|---|--|--|

**How often can a patient change his/her PCP?**

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b> | <b>CareSource</b>  | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Anytime                          | <p>Members can change their PCP one (1) time per month. However, members can change their PCP at any time under extenuating circumstances such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member requests to be assigned to a family member's PCP</li> <li>• PCP does not provide the covered services a member seeks due to moral or religious objections</li> <li>• PCP moves, retirees, etc.</li> </ul> | <p>Within the first 90 days of a member's enrollment, he/she can change PCP monthly. If the member has been with the plan for 90 days or longer, the member can change PCPs once every six months. There are a few exclusions that apply and would warrant an immediate PCP change.</p> |



Once the patient requests a PCP change, how long it takes for the new PCP to be assigned:

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b> | <b>CareSource</b>   | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Next business day                | PCP selections are updated in CareSource's systems daily. | PCP changes made before the 24th day of the month and are effective for the current month. PCP changes made after the 24th day of the month are effective for the first of the following month. |

## PHARMACY

Georgia Families does provide pharmacy benefits to members. Check with the member's health plan about who to call to find out more about enrolling to provide pharmacy benefits, including information about their plans reimbursement rates, specific benefits that are available, including prior approval requirements.

To request information about contracting with the health plans, you can call the CMOs provider enrollment services.

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b>  | <b>CareSource</b>   | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>   |
|---|---|--|
| 800-454-3730<br><a href="https://providers.amerigroup.com/pages/ga-2012.aspx">https://providers.amerigroup.com/pages/ga-2012.aspx</a> | 844-441-8024<br><a href="https://cvs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cvyY0ohqT2VXYod">https://cvs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cvyY0ohqT2VXYod</a> | 866-874-0633<br><a href="http://www.pshpgeorgia.com">www.pshpgeorgia.com</a> |

All providers must be enrolled as a Medicaid provider to be eligible to contract with a health plan to provide services to Georgia Families members.

## The CMO Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM) and the Bin Numbers, Processor Control Numbers and Group Numbers are:

| <b>Health Plan</b>               | <b>PBM</b>            | <b>BIN #</b> | <b>PCN #</b> | <b>GROUP #</b> | <b>Helpdesk</b> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b> | IngenioRx             | 020107       | HL           | WKJA           | 1-833-235-2031  |
| <b>CareSource</b>                | Express Scripts (ESI) | 003858       | MA           | RXINN01        | 1-800-416-3630  |
| <b>Peach State Health Plan</b>   | Express Scripts (ES)  | 003858       | MA           | 2EFA           | 1-833-750-4403  |
|                                  |                       |              |              |                |                 |

**If a patient does not have an identification card:**

Providers can check the enrollment status of Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® members through GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES by calling 1-800-766-4456 or going to the web portal at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov). GAINWELL TECHNOLOGIES will let you know if the member is eligible for services and the health plan they are enrolled in. You can contact the member's health plan to get the member's identification number.

Use of the member's Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® identification number to file a pharmacy claim:

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b>                     | <b>CareSource</b>                                | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| No, you will need the member's health plan ID number | Yes, you may also use the health plan ID number. | Yes                            |

**Health plans preferred drug list, prior authorization criteria, benefit design, and reimbursement rates:**

Each health plan sets their own procedures, including preferred drug list, prior authorization criteria, benefit design, and reimbursement rates.

**Will Medicaid cover prescriptions for members that the health plans do not?**

No, Medicaid will not provide a "wrap-around" benefit for medications not covered or approved by the health plan. Each health plan will set its own processes for determining medical necessity and appeals.

**Who to call to request a PA:**

**Who to call to request a PA:**

| <b>Amerigroup Community Care</b> | <b>CareSource</b>                          | <b>Peach State Health Plan</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 (800) 454-3730                 | 1 (855) 202-1058<br>1 (866) 930-0019 (fax) | 1 (866) 399-0929               |

## **Appendix W**

### **National Provider Identifier (NPI) Requirements**

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) has been adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to meet the HIPAA health care provider identification mandate. It is a 10-digit number assigned to health care providers. Once a provider has an NPI, it will not change regardless of job or location changes. It replaces all existing health care provider identifiers including numbers assigned by Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross, etc. on standard HIPAA transactions. It will be the number used to identify providers nationally.

#### **A. Who needs an NPI?**

- i. All Medicaid providers, both individuals and organizations, who are eligible to receive an NPI, are required to have an NPI. This includes:
  - 1. All Medicaid healthcare providers and
  - 2. All CMO healthcare providers.

#### **B. The NPI will be required on electronic claims.**

Medicaid providers who are not eligible to receive an NPI will maintain their current Medicaid Provider ID. A table showing the types of Medicaid providers and whether they are required to get and use an NPI is included at the end of this Appendix.

#### **C. When do I need to use my (National Provider Identifier) NPI with Georgia Medicaid?**

- i. Applying to be a Medicaid Provider
- ii. On all electronic claims submission including claims submitted via WINASAP.

#### **D. When do I need to use my Medicaid Provider Number?**

- i. You will need to use your Medicaid Provider Number in the following circumstances:
  - 1. Paper claims submission (CMS 1500)
  - 2. Resubmission of electronic claims on paper
  - 3. Submission of web claims
  - 4. IVR System inquiries
    - (a) Provider authentication
    - (b) All claim inquiries
    - (c) All other inquiries
  - 5. Telephone inquiries
    - (a) Provider authentication

- (b) All claim inquiries
  - (c) All other inquiries
- 6. Provider authentication
  - (a) Requests
  - (b) Inquiries
- 7. Referrals
  - (c) Requests
  - (d) Inquiries
- 8. Medicaid forms

**E. When do I need both my NPI and my Medicaid Provider Number?**

- i. Adding a location to my Provider record
- ii. Changing my Provider information
- iii. Written inquiries and correspondence
- iv. E-mail and 'Contact Us' inquiries

Refer to the Part I Policy and Procedure Manual for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids, Billing Manual, for a list of provider types, categories of service (COS), specialty codes, and specialty descriptions for Georgia Medicaid. (Rev 07/2007)

## **Appendix X**

### **Provider Preventable Conditions, Never Events, and Hospital Acquired Conditions**

Effective July 1, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) directed all state Medicaid agencies to implement its final rule outlined in 42 CFR 447.26, regarding PROVIDER PREVENTABLE CONDITIONS (PPCs), NEVER EVENTS (NEs), and HOSPITAL ACQUIRED CONDITIONS (HACs) acquired in ALL hospital settings and other non-inpatient health care settings.

HACs are defined as diagnoses determined by either the state and/or Medicare to be reasonably preventable, i.e., Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)/Pulmonary Embolism (PE) following a total knee replacement or hip replacement surgery, and PPCs, i.e., the wrong body part and surgical invasive procedures performed by a practitioner or provider to the wrong patient that should never happen in an admission to treat a medical condition. CMS specifically in Section 2702 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, prohibits payment to providers for Other Provider-Preventable Conditions (OPPPCs) as specified in 42 CFR 434, 438, and 447 of the Federal Register, page 32816.

The Hospital Services Manual in Section 1102(e) outlines the Department's policies and procedures on HACs as identified by Medicare's federal regulations published in October 2010. The Georgia Medicaid Management System (GAMMIS) was configured on July 1, 2011, with the HACs edits. The Department of Community Health will not reimburse inpatient facilities (if applicable) or enrolled Medicaid practitioners/providers for treatment of any HACs and/or PPCs identified through the claims adjudication and/or medical records review process. NEs in Inpatient Hospitals, Outpatient Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) and practitioners and providers regardless of the healthcare setting are required to report NEs. Refer to the Reimbursement sections of the Hospital Services and Physician Services Policies and Procedures Manuals for additional information.

Claims will be subject to retrospective review in accordance to CMS' directive and the State Plan Amendment, Appendix 4.19. When a claim's review indicates an increase of payment to the provider for an identified PPC, HAC, or NE, the amount for the event or provider preventable condition will be excluded from the provider's total payment.

No reduction in payment for a provider preventable condition will be imposed on a provider when the condition defined as a PPC for a particular patient existed prior to the initiation of treatment for that patient by that provider. Non-payment of provider-preventable conditions shall not prevent access to services for Medicaid beneficiaries.

# Appendix Y New CMS 1500 Claim Form



## HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM

APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE (NUCC) 02/12

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PICA   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> PICA  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> FECA B/LX (LUNG) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/><br><small>(Medicare#) (Medicaid#) (ID#/DoD#) (Member ID#) (ID#) (ID#)</small>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1a. INSURED'S LD. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE<br>MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street)<br><br>CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4. INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)<br><br>6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED<br>Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)<br><br>a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER<br><br>b. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE<br><br>c. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE<br><br>d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street)<br><br>CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( )<br><br>8. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE<br><br>10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:<br>a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/><br>b. AUTO ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PLACE (State) <input type="text"/><br>c. OTHER ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/><br>10d. CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below.<br><br>SIGNED _____ DATE _____  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER<br><br>a. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH<br>MM DD YY SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/><br>b. OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC)<br><br>c. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME<br><br>d. IS THERE ANOTHER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN?<br>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, complete items 9, 9a, and 9d.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, or PREGNANCY (LMP)<br>MM DD YY QUAL.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15. OTHER DATE<br>MM DD YY QUAL.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE<br><br>17a. <input type="text"/> 17b. NPI <input type="text"/>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16. DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION<br>FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY<br>18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES<br>FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20. OUTSIDE LAB? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> \$ CHARGES <input type="text"/>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) ICD Ind. <input type="checkbox"/><br>A. <input type="text"/> B. <input type="text"/> C. <input type="text"/> D. <input type="text"/><br>E. <input type="text"/> F. <input type="text"/> G. <input type="text"/> H. <input type="text"/><br>I. <input type="text"/> J. <input type="text"/> K. <input type="text"/> L. <input type="text"/> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22. RESUBMISSION CODE ORIGINAL REF. NO.<br><br>23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD YY To MM DD YY B. PLACE OF SERVICE EMG C. D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS MODIFIER E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER F. \$ CHARGES G. DAYS OR UNITS H. ICD-9-CM Family Plan I. ID. QUAL. J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 25. FEDERAL TAX ID. NUMBER SSN EIN <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.)<br><br>SIGNED _____ DATE _____  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? For gov. clients, see back YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION<br><br>a. <input type="text"/> b. <input type="text"/>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ <input type="text"/>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 29. AMOUNT PAID \$ <input type="text"/>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH # ( )   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30. Rsvd for NUCC Use   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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APPROVED OMB-0938-1197 FORM 1500 (02-12)

The following table outlines the revised changes on the above CMS 1500 claim form version 02/12:

| FLD Location  | NEW Change   |
|---------------|--|
| Header        | Replaced 1500 rectangular symbol with black and white two-dimensional QR Code (Quick Response Code)  |
| Header        | Added “(NUCC)” after “APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE.”   |
| Header        | Replaced “08/05” with “02/12”  |
| Number 1      | anged “TRICARE CHAMPUS” to “TRICARE” and changed” (Sponsor’s SSN)” to “(ID#/DoD#).”  |
| Item Number 1 | anged “(SSN or ID)” to “(ID#)” under “GROUP HEALTH PLAN”   |
| Number 1      | anged “(SSN)” to “(ID#)” under “FECA BLK LUNG.”  |
| Number 1      | anged “(ID)” to “(ID#)” under “OTHER.”   |
| Number 8      | leted “PATIENT STATUS” and content of field. Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE.”   |
| Number 9b     | leted “OTHER INSURED’S DATE OF BIRTH, SEX.” Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE.”  |
| Number 9c     | leted “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL.” Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE.”   |
| Number 10d    | anged title from “RESERVED FOR LOCAL USE” to “CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC).” <b>Field 10d is being changed to receive Worker's Compensation codes or Condition codes approved by NUCC.</b><br><b>R DCH/Gainwell:</b> FLD 10d on the OLD Form CMS 1500 Claim (08/05) will no longer support receiving the Medicare provider ID. |
| m Number 11b  | leted “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL.” <b>Changed title to “OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC)”</b> . Added dotted line in the left-hand side of the field to accommodate a 2-byte qualifier  |
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**Appendix Z**  
**Georgia Families and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**

**A. Georgia Families and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**

For information on the Georgia Families, Georgia Families 360, or Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program, please access the overview document at the following link:

- i. Georgia Families Overview:  
[https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Provider%20Information/Provider%20Manuals/ tabId/18/Default.aspx](https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Provider%20Information/Provider%20Manuals/tabId/18/Default.aspx)
- ii. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Overview:  
<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Provider%20Information/Provider%20Manuals/ tabId/18/Default.aspx>