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## Policy, Coverage and Limitations for Obstetrical Ultrasounds During Pregnancy

Ultrasound during pregnancy is a covered benefit for eligible Nevada Medicaid recipients when it is determined to be medically necessary. Obstetrical ultrasound includes determination of the number of gestational sacs and fetuses, gestational sac/fetus structure, qualitative assessment of amniotic fluid volume/gestational sac shape, and examination of the maternal uterus and adnexa.

Nevada Medicaid will cover a minimum of two ultrasounds, when medically necessary, per pregnancy:

- An ultrasound to confirm viability of the pregnancy, to rule out multiple births and better define the Estimated Date of Confinement (EDC). This ultrasound is typically performed in the first trimester; however, it can be performed upon confirmation of pregnancy in any trimester.
- An ultrasound with detailed anatomic examination is considered medically necessary per pregnancy to evaluate the fetus for known or suspected fetal anatomic abnormalities. This ultrasound is typically performed in the second trimester.

Nevada Medicaid may cover subsequent and repeated ultrasounds when medically necessary:

- The subsequent ultrasounds including biophysical profiles should clearly identify the findings from any previous abnormal scans.
- A detailed explanation of the high-risk situation for repeated scans must be appropriately documented.

The recipient's records must clearly identify all high-risk factors and ultrasound findings. An ultrasound for the purpose of sex determination is not a covered benefit.

Please refer to the [Provider Type \(PT\) 20, 24, and 77 Billing Guide for Physician, M.D., and Osteopath, D.O., Advanced Practice Registered Nurses \(APRN\) and Physician's Assistant \(PA\)](#) for additional information regarding specific Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for ultrasounds.

Please see [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 600, Physician Services](#), Section 603.4.C Maternal/Fetal Diagnostic Studies for additional information on policy, coverage and limitations.