Birth Weight Required on Newborn Facility Claims

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) requires Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem Partnership Plan) to collect and report the birth weights of inpatient-facility-delivered newborns. Anthem Partnership Plan wants to help you fill out your claim forms correctly to meet the ODJFS requirements and enable us to make timely claims payments. Effective immediately, claims without this required information will be returned to you.

Entering the Newborn's Birth Weight on the Newborn Inpatient Facility Claim

Please follow these guidelines, depending on electronic (837I) or paper billing (UB-04) for inpatient facility newborn claims:

- For paper claims, enter value code 54 in box 39, 40 or 41 and the newborn’s birth weight (in grams) in the corresponding amount field.

- For electronic billing, enter the newborn’s birth weight in loop 2300, segment HI, with the qualifier BE and the value code 54 in HI01-2 and the newborn’s weight (in grams) in HI01-5.

Please note that you are required to enter the newborn birth weight in the format of xxxx.xx. For example, if a newborn’s birth weight is 3,500 grams, you would enter 3500.00. Failure to submit a newborn’s birth weight in the proper format may delay payment of your claim.

We’re Here to Help

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-866-896-6625 (Healthy Start & Healthy Families Program) or 1-866-896-6628 (ABD), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You also may visit our website at www.anthem.com anytime. If you need technical assistance with our Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), please call our EDI hotline at 1-800-470-9630 or send an e-mail to anthem.edi@anthem.com.

This provider bulletin is an update to Anthem Partnership Plan’s State Sponsored Business Provider Operations Manual (POM). This information is effective immediately and will be reflected in the next POM update. These updates will appear in the CMS-1450, CMS-1500 and the newborn sections in Chapter 6, “Claims and Billing Guidelines,” of the POM.