



STAT Bulletin

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To: Pediatricians, Family Practitioners

Fee Schedule Update: Lactation Counseling

<p>Why you're receiving this stat</p>	<p>We would like to inform you of a recent addition to our 2017 Commercial Fee Schedule.</p>						
<p>What you need to know</p>	<p>The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends providing interventions during pregnancy and after birth to support breastfeeding.</p> <p>Research shows that breastfeeding reduces the risk of a variety of negative health outcomes in infancy and childhood, including acute otitis media, asthma, atopic dermatitis, gastrointestinal tract infection, and chronic conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure.</p> <p>For practices providing primary care interventions to support breastfeeding, the following code will be paid fee-for-service:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1188 1268 1325"> <thead> <tr> <th>HCPCS Code</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>S9445</td> <td>Patient education, non-physician provider, individual, per session</td> <td>\$12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service must be provided by a certified lactation consultant. • Member must have preventive benefits. • Coverage is effective immediately for commercial plans and upon renewal as of October 1, 2017 for self-funded ASO plans. • Patient cost-share will be waived when billed with ICD-10 code O9279. 	HCPCS Code	Description	Rate	S9445	Patient education, non-physician provider, individual, per session	\$12.50
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<p>What you need to do</p>	<p>Check your patients' benefit information on HEALTHeNET.</p> <p>Please visit our website for any updates or additional information. If you have any questions regarding this stat, please contact Provider Service at 1-800-950-0052.</p>						

Thank you for your continued support.