

**ULTRASOUND SERVICES  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**QUESTION: Will the care profile show every visit even if our organization did not see the patient?**

**ANSWER:** Specific questions regarding the Availity software should be directed to Availity at 1-800-AVAILITY (282-4548).

**QUESTION: Leader stated the BPP will not be reimbursed if performed prior to the appropriate gestational age, what does Medicaid consider to be the appropriate age to perform a BPP?**

**ANSWER:** According to ACOG, “*Choosing when to initiate antepartum testing depends on balancing several factors including prognosis of the fetal condition, prognosis for neonatal survival, severity of maternal disease, risk of fetal death, and potential for iatrogenic prematurity resulting from false positive results. Both theoretic models (Rouse 1995) and large clinical studies (Pircon 1991, Lagrew 1993) confirm that initiating testing at 32-34 weeks of gestation is appropriate for most at-risk patients. In pregnancies with multiple or particularly high-risk conditions (e.g. hypertension with fetal growth restriction, diabetes with nephropathy or coronary artery disease) testing might be appropriate at 26-28 weeks gestation. (ACOG 1999)*

**QUESTION: I work for a Radiologist and we have never been able to get the procedure code 76811 paid. Can you explain why?**

**ANSWER:** It is not possible to answer this question without specific claim examples to review. Please contact your local Medicaid office for assistance with any claim reimbursement issues. When contacting the area office, please provide specific ICNs for claims that are denied. Without ICNs, we cannot research and correct the problem for you.

**QUESTION: I attended the training session this morning and I just have a quick question regarding the TH modifier. When billing for an ultrasound for multiple gestations, does the use of a TH modifier increase our reimbursement in any way or is it only used to notify you of multiple gestations?**

**ANSWER:** There is no increase in reimbursement with use of a modifier TH. The modifier is used to let the billing system know that there is more than one gestation, not to provide a fee enhancement.