Dear Provider,

As you are aware, prenatal care is the best way to help patients experience a healthy pregnancy. Additionally, early identification of high risk pregnancies may improve positive birth outcomes through active case management. Buckeye Health Plan (Buckeye) relies on you as our partner to notify us when you evaluate or examine any pregnant Buckeye member so we can work with the patient by providing informational materials, incentives to keep physician appointments, and pregnancy resource referrals.

Buckeye will help cover your administrative cost to complete and fax the Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) form to us. As early notification is essential, the amount of reimbursement will vary by the patient’s trimester at the time the Notification of Pregnancy is submitted. The Notification of Pregnancy may be submitted at any point in which the member is identified as being a Buckeye member. To receive payment, you will need to submit a claim to Buckeye in the following manner:

- Complete and fax the Notification of Pregnancy
- Submit a claim utilizing procedure code 59899 and the appropriate pregnancy trimester modifier. Your charge should be based on the trimester billed. The rates (unless otherwise specified by contract) and modifiers are listed below:

  - U1-First Trimester ...................... $75.00
  - U2-Second Trimester .............. $50.00
  - U3-Third Trimester .................. $25.00

This service should be billed on the same claim as the visit but must be submitted within 30 days of the date of service.

Reimbursement for this service will be limited to one per member per pregnancy on a first-in basis. Failure to submit the Notification of Pregnancy form prior to claim submission will result in a denial for this enhanced reimbursement. Please retain your fax confirmation sheet for documentation purposes.

If you have any questions regarding this OB notification process, please contact your local Provider Relations Specialist.

Sincerely,

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