



Subject: Amniocentesis*

Effective Date: January 1, 1996

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Amniocentesis is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To ensure proper and consistent reimbursement for a medically necessary service

Procedure:

1. Relevant history will be obtained by the utilization management nurse, from the physician and/or the member.
2. Reimbursable indications for amniocentesis include, but are not limited to, any of the following circumstances:

A. Prior to the third trimester:

- 1) Maternal age 35 years or greater at the time of delivery (ICD-9 659.5, 659.6) (ICD-10-O09.519, O09.521, O09.522, O09.523, O09.529)
- 2) Paternal age 40 years or greater at the time of conception
- 3) Parent with a documented chromosomal abnormality

- 4) Parent who is a carrier of a disorder diagnosable by amniotic fluid analysis
- 5) Previous fetus or child with neural tube defect
- 6) Abnormal first or second trimester screening
- 7) Fetal anomalies, diagnosed by ultrasound, that are known to be associated with increased incidence of chromosomal abnormalities

B. In the third trimester:

- 1) Blood group isoimmunization (**ICD-9 656.1, 656.2**)(**ICD-10 O36.0190 through O036.0195, O036.0199 O036.0991 through O.036.0995, O036.0999; O036.1190 through O036.1195, O036.1199,O036.1199 through O036.1990 through O036.1195, O036.1999; O036.1110 through O036.1935,O036.1939; O068,O77.8, O77.9**)(including but not limited to amniotic fluid bilirubin levels and determination of fetal antigen status)
- 2) Detection of amnionitis (**ICD-9 658.4**)(**ICD-10 O41.1090 through O41.1095, O41.1099; O41.1290 through O41.1295, O41.1099; O41.1290 through O41.1295, O41.1299; O41.1490 through O41.1495, O41.1499)**
- 3) Fetal maturity studies

The **CPT** code for diagnostic amniocentesis is **59000**; when ultrasonic guidance is used for amniocentesis, the **CPT** code is **76946**.

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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.