

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
Olympia, Washington

To: Birthing Centers
Certified Nurse Midwives
Licensed Midwives
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers: Fee Schedule and Billing Instructions Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will update the *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Fee Schedule*.

Effective immediately, the Health Care Authority (the Agency) requires modifier 59, in addition to modifier SU, when billing CPT code 59409 for the facility fee payment.

Overview

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Bill your usual and customary charges.

Maximum Allowable Fees

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will update the *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Fee Schedule* with the 2011 maximum allowable fees.

Viewing Changes to the Fee Schedule

To view these changes go to the Agency website online at:
<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

Coverage Table Additions

Effective immediately, the Agency requires the following modifiers when billing CPT code 59409 when billing for facility fee payment:

Code Status Indicator	Procedure Code	Modifier	Description	Policy/ Comments
Facility Fee Payment				
	59409	59 and SU	Delivery only code with use of provider's facility or equipment modifier.	Limited to one unit, per client, per pregnancy. Facility fee includes all room charges, equipment, supplies, anesthesia administration, and pain medication.

Updated Billing Instructions

The Agency has updated the Coverage Table in the *Planned Home Births and Births in Birthing Centers Billing Instructions* on page E.2 and page F.9. You may download these updated billing instructions at:

http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/Download/Billing_Instructions_Webpages/PlannedHomeBirths-BirthsInBirthingCenters.html.

How Can I Get Agency Provider Documents?

To download and print the Agency provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Agency website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).