

Normal newborn diagnosis-related group claims processing update

Summary of change: Effective November 1, 2018, Amerigroup will update the claims processing system to ensure accurate payment of newborn claims in accordance with Texas normal newborn diagnosis-related group (DRG) requirements and our inpatient authorization requirements.

All newborn inpatient stays must have sufficient documentation provided to support an admission to an area beyond the newborn nursery, such as a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) or for the higher level of care associated with the more complex newborn DRG. Documentation to support the higher level admission includes authorization or medical records.

Failure to provide the appropriate documentation will result in the claim being processed based on the normal newborn rate. Please note that current authorization guidelines for normal newborn and higher level of care baby inpatient stays will be applied.

What is the impact of this change?

- Newborn claims billed with higher level of care newborn DRG codes (see Tables A and B) must have the required documentation on file. If the required documentation is not on file, the claim will be processed based on the normal well-newborn DRG rate.
- Documentation is required for reimbursement of non-normal newborn care or an inpatient stay beyond the normal well-newborn period or admission to a NICU.
- When newborn claims are submitted with only newborn care revenue codes (170 and 171) and there is no authorization for services provided for a higher level of care to support the higher level of care DRG, the claims will automatically be paid down to the normal newborn rate.

Explanation of Payment code

Based on the above, we have implemented a new explanation (EX) code A 59 (DRG billed does not match the revenue code submitted). This code will appear on your *Explanation of Payment* when a claim is billed with a higher level of care newborn DRG code and the required authorization for the higher level of care is not on file.

You may appeal your request for payment of the higher acuity DRG by submitting the appropriate supporting clinical documentation. Please follow the normal appeal process detailed in our provider manual, which is available online at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX>.

What if I need assistance?

For precertification requests, please use one of the following methods:

- Web: <https://www.Availity.com>
- Fax: 1-800-964-3627
- Phone: 1-800-454-3730

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Table A: Medicare Severity (MS)-DRG codes

MS-DRG	Description
790	Extreme immaturity or respiratory distress syndrome, neonate
791	Prematurity with major problems
792	Prematurity without major problems
793	Full term neonate with major problems
794	Neonate with other significant problems
795	Normal newborn

Table B: All Patients Refined (APR)-DRG codes

APR-DRG	Description: The following eight codes reflect normal newborn APR-DRG
626-1	Neonate, BWT 2000-2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
626-2	Neonate, BWT 2000-2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
626-3	Neonate, BWT 2000-2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
626-4	Neonate, BWT 2000-2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
640-1	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
640-2	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
640-3	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
640-4	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g, Normal Newborn Or Neonate W Other Problem
APR-DRG	Higher level of care newborn APR-DRG codes
580-1	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Not Born Here
580-2	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Not Born Here
580-3	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Not Born Here
580-4	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Not Born Here
581-1	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Born Here
581-2	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Born Here
581-3	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Born Here
581-4	Neonate, Transferred < 5 Days Old, Born Here
583-1	Neonate W ECMO
583-2	Neonate W ECMO
583-3	Neonate W ECMO
583-4	Neonate W ECMO
588-1	Neonate BWT < 1500 W Major Procedure
588-2	Neonate BWT < 1500G W Major Procedure
588-3	Neonate BWT < 1500G W Major Procedure
588-4	Neonate BWT < 1500G W Major Procedure
589-1	Neonate BWT < 500g Or GA < 24 weeks
589-2	Neonate BWT < 500g Or GA < 24 weeks
589-3	Neonate BWT < 500g Or GA < 24 weeks
589-4	Neonate BWT < 500g Or GA < 24 weeks
591-1	Neonate Birthwt 500-749g W/O Major Procedure
591-2	Neonate Birthwt 500-749g W/O Major Procedure
591-3	Neonate Birthwt 500-749g W/O Major Procedure
591-4	Neonate Birthwt 500-749g W/O Major Procedure
593-1	Neonate Birthwt 750-999g W/O Major Procedure
593-2	Neonate Birthwt 750-999g W/O Major Procedure
593-3	Neonate Birthwt 750-999g W/O Major Procedure

APR-DRG	Higher level of care newborn APR-DRG codes
593-4	Neonate Birthwt 750-999g W/O Major Procedure
602-1	Neonate BWT 1000-1249g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
602-2	Neonate BWT 1000-1249g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
602-3	Neonate BWT 1000-1249g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
602-4	Neonate BWT 1000-1249g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
603-1	Neonate Birthwt 1000-1249g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
603-2	Neonate Birthwt 1000-1249g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
603-3	Neonate Birthwt 1000-1249g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
603-4	Neonate Birthwt 1000-1249g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
607-1	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
607-2	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
607-3	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
607-4	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Or Maj Anom
608-1	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
608-2	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
608-3	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
608-4	Neonate BWT 1250-1499g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
609-1	Neonate BWT 1500-2499g W Major Procedure
609-2	Neonate BWT 1500-2499g W Major Procedure
609-3	Neonate BWT 1500-2499g W Major Procedure
609-4	Neonate BWT 1500-2499g W Major Procedure
611-1	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Major Anomaly
611-2	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Major Anomaly
611-3	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Major Anomaly
611-4	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Major Anomaly
612-1	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
612-2	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
612-3	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
612-4	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
613-1	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
613-2	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
613-3	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
613-4	Neonate Birthwt 1500-1999g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
614-1	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
614-2	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
614-3	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
614-4	Neonate BWT 1500-1999g W Or W/O Other Significant Condition
621-1	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Major Anomaly
621-2	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Major Anomaly
621-3	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Major Anomaly
621-4	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Major Anomaly
622-1	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
622-2	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
622-3	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
622-4	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
623-1	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection

APR-DRG	Higher level of care newborn APR-DRG codes
623-2	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
623-3	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
623-4	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
625-1	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Other Significant Condition
625-2	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Other Significant Condition
625-3	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Other Significant Condition
625-4	Neonate BWT 2000-2499g W Other Significant Condition
630-1	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Cardiovascular Procedure
630-2	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Cardiovascular Procedure
630-3	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Cardiovascular Procedure
630-4	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Cardiovascular Procedure
631-1	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Major Procedure
631-2	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Major Procedure
631-3	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Major Procedure
631-4	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Major Procedure
633-1	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Anomaly
633-2	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Anomaly
633-3	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Anomaly
633-4	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Major Anomaly
634-1	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
634-2	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
634-3	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
634-4	Neonate, Birthwt > 2499g W Resp Dist Synd/Oth Maj Resp Cond
636-1	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
636-2	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
636-3	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
636-4	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Congenital/Perinatal Infection
639-1	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Significant Condition
639-2	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Significant Condition
639-3	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Significant Condition
639-4	Neonate Birthwt > 2499g W Other Significant Condition