

Appendix A

Documentation for 99205

A 99205 code will be difficult to justify on its clinical merits for midwives doing homebirths.

*In order to bill a 99205:

The patient's condition may be either acute or chronic, but must pose an immediate Threat to life or bodily function.

One or more chronic illness with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects of treatment.

Acute or chronic illness or injury that poses a threat to life or bodily function—multiple traumas, acute MI, pulmonary embolus, etc.

Abrupt change to neurological status—seizure, TIA, weakness, sensory loss

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Midwives doing homebirths may sometimes bill 99205 for new OB clients when the educational and counseling timestamp requirements are met.

*Assessment and Plan Documentation should always include:

All diagnoses that a provider is managing.

Whether the patient is stable, improved, worse, or uncontrollable for established diagnoses.

Document tests ordered and the rationale for ordering them.

Management of problems (referrals, consultations, tests, herbs, etc.)

Medical necessity is the overarching criterion for payment in addition to the individual requirements of a CPT code.

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