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**Lactation consultation services.****(A) Definitions.**

- (1) "Eligible provider" has the same meaning as in rule 5160-1-17 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) "Lactation consultation" is the development and implementation of management strategies for complex problems related to breastfeeding and human lactation.
- (3) "International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant" (IBCLC) is a professional member of the healthcare team who has earned and maintains the credential which identifies knowledge and expertise in breastfeeding management and care. This includes insight, skills, and knowledge to identify complex breastfeeding problems and to educate and facilitate an optimal breastfeeding experience and environment.

**(B) Providers.**

- (1) Rendering providers. The following eligible providers may receive medicaid payment for rendering a lactation service:
  - (a) An international board-certified lactation consultant (IBCLC);
  - (b) An advanced practice registered nurse;
  - (c) A physician; or
  - (d) A physican assistant.
- (2) Billing ("pay-to") providers. The following eligible providers may receive medicaid payment for lactation services on behalf of a rendering provider:
  - (a) The rendering provider;
  - (b) A professional medical group practice;
  - (c) A professional dental group practice;
  - (d) A pharmacy;
  - (e) A federally qualified health center (FQHC);
  - (f) A rural health clinic (RHC); or
  - (g) An ambulatory health care clinic.

(C) Coverage.

- (1) Payment for a lactation service is made separately from payment for other professional services. No separate payment, however, is made for a lactation service provided in conjunction with nurse home visiting services (which are addressed in rule 5160-21-05 of the Administrative Code).
- (2) For a lactation service, the practitioner order specified in rule 5160-1-17 of the Administrative Code is waived.
- (3) Payment for a covered lactation service rendered in other settings is the lesser of the submitted charge or the amount shown in appendix DD to rule 5160-1-60 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) Payment for lactation pumps and supplies is made in accordance with rule 5160-10-25 of the Administrative Code.

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