

## Memo

To: OB/GYN and Radiology Service Providers

From: El Paso First Health Plans

Date: September 2, 2016

Reminder: Obstetric Ultrasounds Exceeding 4 No Longer Require Prior Authorization

**Effective October 2, 2016** the following obstetric ultrasound procedural codes will no longer require prior authorization when exceeding 4 ultrasounds per pregnancy:

76801 76802 76805 76810 76811 76812 76813 76814 76815 76816 76817 Fetal biophysical profile (procedure code 76818 or 76819). CPT codes 76820 Umbilical Artery Doppler and 76821 middle Cerebral Artery Doppler will continue to require prior authorization.

If you identify a high risk pregnancy member it is no longer necessary to submit the Prior Authorization Form High Risk Pregnancy. Please utilize the Case Management Form to refer members to our OB Case Managers who will assist the member with their health care benefits and service coordination. Form is found on our website <a href="www.epfirst.com">www.epfirst.com</a>, click on the provider tab, Case Management Referral Form and submit via fax to our Health Services Department where a case manager will be assigned to contact the member for support on a healthy outcome.

If you require further information, please contact the Provider Relations Department at 532-3778 ext. 1507.