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### **Newborn Hearing Screening**

Reimbursement for newborn hearing screening is included in the hospital DRG for inpatient hospital deliveries, and the birth center payment for freestanding birthing center deliveries. CPT/HCPCS codes for a hearing screening cannot be billed for dates on or during the date span of the delivery stay.

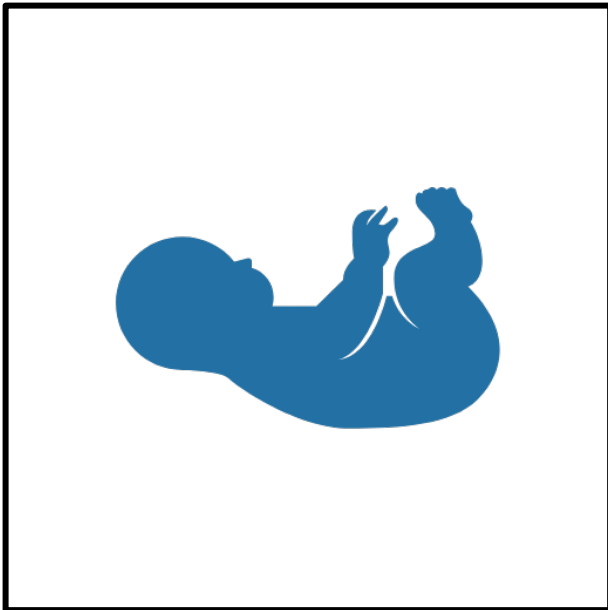
Contact Alex Weichselbaum at [Alex.Weichselbaum@state.co.us](mailto:Alex.Weichselbaum@state.co.us) with any questions regarding newborn hearing screening policy. Refer to the [Audiology Billing Manual](#), available under the CMS 1500 drop-down section of the [Billing Manuals web page](#), for more reimbursement information.

### **Newborn Metabolic Screening**

For Newborn Metabolic Screening (NMS), Colorado is a two-screen state with state rules (5 CCR 1005-4, Newborn Screening and Second Newborn Screening) identifying appropriate collection windows of 24-48 hours for the initial newborn screening specimen and 8-14 days after birth for the second newborn screening specimen. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) charges a fee for the NMS to the facility collecting and submitting the initial newborn screening specimen.

Costs associated with NMS are included in the inpatient hospital diagnosis related grouper (DRG) calculation and the birthing center facility payment and may not be billed separately by the hospital or birthing center.

CDPHE classifies NMS specimens which are able to be linked to a previously submitted specimen from



the same child as second-screen specimens. In cases where the specimen cannot be linked, it is treated as an initial newborn screening specimen, regardless of the age of the child at the time the specimen is collected. The named submitter on the demographic slip is billed for NMS. If the named submitter was not reimbursed for delivery of the child, the submitter may submit CPT S3620 for reimbursement. S3620 does not require a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certification.

Because NMSs are performed by CDPHE's laboratory and not the provider collecting and submitting the specimen, unbundling the NMS and billing for the individual tests performed by CDPHE's laboratory is not allowed (10 CCR 2505-10 8.660.4.C.).

Contact Raine Henry at [Raine.Henry@state.co.us](mailto:Raine.Henry@state.co.us) for questions regarding the Newborn Metabolic Screening policy.

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