

6d. OTHER PRACTITIONER'S SERVICES

D. LACTATION CONSULTANTS

The scope of services includes the provision of lactation care and services to pregnant and lactating women and children who are breastfeeding. Such services include lactation assessment implementation of a plan of care, and education and counseling. Lactation services may be rendered in the following settings: hospital, physician practice, and home setting.

Lactation Consultants must be licensed in accordance with the Georgia Lactation Consultants Practice Act as outlined in the Official Code of Georgia.

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POLICY AND METHODS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES

Lactation Consultant Services:

The Department will reimburse for Lactation Consultant Services billed utilizing one or both of the following codes:

1. S4443 (Lactation Class)
2. S4445 (Patient Counseling).

Reimbursement is based upon an established fee schedule which can be located at

<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Provider%20Information/Fee%20Schedules/tabId/20/Default.aspx>.

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Effective Date of Payment:

This reimbursement methodology applies to services rendered on or after October 1, 2021.

Limitations:

Lactation Consultant Services are limited to five (5) sessions unless deemed medically necessary.