

**TITLE 317. OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
CHAPTER 30. MEDICAL PROVIDERS- FEE FOR SERVICE**

SUBCHAPTER 5. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS AND SPECIALTIES

PART 20. LACTATION CONSULTANTS

317:30-5-231. Eligible providers

Eligible providers must be ~~licensed by the state as a nurse or dietician and be an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) Consultants (IBCLCs).~~ Providers must have a current contract on file with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

317:30-5-232. Coverage

Lactation Consultant services within the scope of practice of IBCLC certification are covered for pregnant women and women up to twelve (12) months postpartum. ~~SoonerCare members may self-refer or must be referred by any physician or other licensed provider.~~ Reasons for lactation services include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Prenatal education/training for first-time mothers;
- (2) Women who have not previously breastfed, have a history of breastfeeding difficulty, have identified risk factors for breastfeeding difficulty or lactation insufficiency (e.g., history of breast surgery, infertility, hormonal imbalance, diabetes, obesity);
- (3) Women expecting an infant with risk factors for ineffective breastfeeding (e.g., preterm, multiples, congenital birth defects);
- (4) Latch-on difficulties;
- (5) Low milk supply;
- (6) Breastfeeding a premature baby (thirty-six (36) weeks or less gestation);
- (7) Breastfeeding multiples; and
- (8) A baby with special needs (e.g., Down Syndrome, cleft lip/or palate).

317:30-5-233. Limitations

- (a) Services billed by a contracted IBCLC are only covered when performed in the IBCLC's office setting, patient's home, or other confidential outpatient setting (including telehealth). Payment for inpatient services provided by a Lactation Consultant is included in the hospital's per diem rate.
- (b) No separate reimbursement will be made to a facility.
- (c) Services are not to duplicate any basic breastfeeding education/training a member may have received through another program such as WIC or the Children's First Program and services must be problem focused.
- (d) Services provided by a contracted IBCLC must be provided face-to-face and in an individual setting.
- (e) Reimbursement is limited to not more than 6 sessions per pregnancy and must be objectively documented as medically necessary.

317:30-5-234. Reimbursement

- (a) Covered services are reimbursed according to the methodology described in the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan.

(b) IBCLCs who are employed by or remunerated by another provider may not bill the SoonerCare program directly for services if that billing would result in duplicate payment for the same service.

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