

**Cesarean Section
Initiative Questions and
Answers March 2016**

1. How are you calculating the primary C-section rate?

Please refer to our webpage on the Cesarean Section Initiative for the calculation which is used to determine the primary and total C-section rate for providers.

2. The primary C-section rate I received from OHCA for the second quarter does not match the rates I track in my practice. Can you explain the discrepancy?

The OHCA C-section Initiative captures **paid** SoonerCare deliveries only through diagnosis codes submitted on **your claim**. The rates are calculated on a monthly basis from the first day to the last day of each month. However, if claims are submitted after the date the query is run, they will not be included in the data pull. The query run is approximately 45-60 days after the end of the month being queried. If there is a discrepancy in the rates, please consult your billing department to confirm appropriate coding. If the documentation supports a discrepancy, please submit the documentation with codes billed to OHCA C-section Initiative for review. We'd be happy to re-analyze if you have additional documentation. Contact Yasmine Barve, RN, as noted below.

3. What criteria are used for the C-section record review?

Specific criteria for medically necessary C-sections have been identified using nationally recognized standards such as from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). We have a board-certified Ob-Gyn medical consultant on staff who reviews criteria and who reviews the medical records in order to validate medical necessity for the C-section.

4. After medical chart review, if it is determined that a C-section did not have a medical indication and the reimbursement rate is reduced, can the doctor or the hospital then bill the patient for the differential?

The hospital and the doctor are contractually prohibited from billing the patient for the differential. They must accept the reimbursement as payment in full.

With any other questions, please contact Yasmine Barve, RN, at 405.522.7135.