

## Billing guidance for reporting newborn birth weights

### Provider newsletter article

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Highmark BCBSWNY, along with guidance from the New York State (NYS) Department of Health, reminds hospitals to accurately report newborn birth weights on inpatient claims. Pursuant to the inpatient billing procedures for All Patient Refined Diagnostic Related Groups (APR-DRGs) noted in the *eMedNY New York State UB-04 Billing Guidelines - Inpatient Hospital* document, claims for newborns must accurately contain the newborn's birth weight in grams. The birth weight is reported using value code **54** in the *Value Information* segment. To ensure proper payment, providers should follow the billing guidelines detailed in the *eMedNY New York State UB-04 Billing Guidelines - Inpatient Hospital* document (2.3.1.2, Rule 3 – Newborns).

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