

## X-RAY PELVIMETRY IN MATERNITY CARE

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### I. PROCEDURE CODE

**74710**

### II. DESCRIPTION

X-ray pelvimetry is a roentgenologic procedure that measures the dimensions of the maternal pelvis and fetal head prior to delivery.

### III. POLICY

X-ray pelvimetry is seldom indicated in the management of pregnancy or labor and delivery. Charges for x-ray pelvimetry shall not be paid routinely. All claims for this diagnostic test shall be referred for review by the contractor medical review department on a prepayment basis. Payment may be made only in the rare situation that the medical need for the procedure is considered justified based on the physician's statement of the patient's unique circumstances. The contractor should be alert for patterns of excessive use.

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