

CODING FOR ZIKA VIRUS

The Zika virus is a mosquito-borne virus that has been associated with congenital defects, primarily of the central nervous system. According to the CDC, ACOG, and SMFM, clinicians should screen pregnant women for possible Zika exposure, particularly if living or traveled to areas of active Zika transmission. Pregnant women exposed to Zika or who report clinical illness consistent with the virus should be tested for the virus based on national guidelines. Part of that testing involves fetal ultrasound to detect microcephaly or intracranial calcifications, and in certain cases, amniocentesis may be offered. Following are recommended CPT and ICD-10 codes used in these encounters:

ULTRASOUND CPT CODES

FIRST ULTRASOUND

- **CPT 76811** – usually 3–4 weeks after exposure or infection, or at 18–20 weeks, or as soon as seen if later gestational age. If a provider with 76811 expertise is unavailable, then CPT 76805 may be considered in asymptomatic patients at low-risk for Zika infection.

FOLLOW-UP SERIAL ULTRASOUND

- **CPT 76816** – every 3-4 weeks in setting of maternal infection, presumptive infection, or based on the ongoing risk for Zika virus exposure.
- Decisions regarding amniocentesis should be individualized (CPT 59000, with ultrasound guidance CPT 76946).

ICD-10 CHOICES

Screening (serology or ultrasound) due to known/suspected Zika virus exposure

- **O35.3XX- Maternal care for (suspected) damage to fetus from viral disease in mother** (last character designates fetus, if applicable)
- **Z20.828 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases**
- If microcephaly or other central nervous system malformation is not identified during the encounter, the provider may choose to instead report **Z03.73 Encounter for suspected fetal anomaly ruled out** as the primary diagnosis.

Ultrasound services for pregnant women affected by the Zika virus

- **O35.3XX- Maternal care for (suspected) damage to fetus from disease in mother** (last character designates fetus, if applicable)
- **O98.51- Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy** (last character designates trimester)
- **A92.8 Other specified mosquito-borne viral fevers**

ICD-10 codes once microcephaly or other CNS findings due to the Zika virus are confirmed

- **O35.3XX- Maternal care for (suspected) damage to fetus from viral disease in mother** (last character designates fetus affected, if applicable), **AND/OR**
- **O35.0XX- Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation in fetus** (last character designates fetus affected, if applicable)
- **O98.51- Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy** (last character designates trimester)
- **A92.8 Other specified mosquito-borne viral fevers**

ICD-10 codes for E/M services for pregnant women affected by the Zika virus

- **O98.51- Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy** (last character designates trimester)
- **A92.8 Other specified mosquito-borne viral fevers**

Please note that if the national guidelines in the management of Zika virus in pregnancy are changed, then the corresponding coding recommendations may also change.