

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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Bulletin

Docket No: INS 21-042-AB

To:

All Health Insurers

From:

Commissioner Christopher R. Nicolopoulos, Esq. CLN

Date:

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Re:

Coverage of Ultrasounds

On June 25, 2021, Governor Sununu signed House Bill 2, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. In part, the law defines a requirement of medical practice with respect to determining the gestational age of the fetus. The act requires health care providers use ultrasound to determine the gestational age of the fetus in addition to performing "all such medical examinations, imaging studies, and tests as a reasonably prudent health care provider in the community, knowledgeable about the medical facts and conditions of both the woman and the fetus involved, would consider necessary to perform and consider in making an accurate diagnosis with respect to gestational age." RSA 329:44, I. Determining the gestational age of a fetus is part of routine prenatal and maternity care, and therefore is a covered service. Insurers must cover all necessary medical examinations, imaging studies, and tests required to make a gestational age determination.