



Sole Delivery Premium (E411)

INTRODUCTION

What is the Education and Prevention Committee (EPC)?

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have jointly established the Education and Prevention Committee (EPC). The EPC's primary goal is to educate physicians about submitting OHIP claims that accurately reflect the services provided and that are in compliance with the law.

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Purpose

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide physicians, primarily general/family physicians and obstetricians who deliver babies, with information specific to the billing and payment requirements for the sole delivery premium (E411).

This premium is described on page K7 of the Schedule and is eligible for payment with specific labour and delivery services (listed below) when one of those services is the only delivery service provided on a specific calendar day.

The premium is calculated at 100% of the fee payable for the following services:

- P006A — vaginal delivery;

- P009A — attendance at labour and delivery;
- P018A — caesarean section;
- P020A — operative delivery (i.e., mid-cavity extraction or assisted breech delivery);
- P038A — attendance at labour;
- P041A — caesarean section including tubal interruption; and
- E414A — high risk obstetrical premium.

Common billing problem

The most common billing error the Ministry has encountered with regard to this code is when it is billed on a day when more than one delivery service is rendered. This premium is not eligible for payment when more than one delivery service is rendered on a calendar day by a physician.

What if the patient is carrying more than one infant?

If the only delivery rendered on the day happens to be for a patient who gives birth to more than one infant, the premium applies, but only to one delivery service.

How do I know how much to bill for the premium?

The premium is applied at 100% of the fee payable for the eligible delivery service.

If the “high risk obstetrical premium” (E414) applies to the delivery, the sole delivery premium also applies to this amount as well. While there may be other premiums or services that apply to a delivery service (e.g., P023, E409), E414 is the only one to which E411 applies.

Claim submission tip: Only submit one claim for E411 for a patient with the total value at 100% of the fee payable for the eligible delivery service (plus the premium for E414 if it applies). You may submit E411 on the same claim as the patient’s delivery service(s).

Limits (per physician):

Per day	- Only one claim for E411 is eligible for payment per day. - If more than one claim for E411 is submitted on the same day, the second claim will pay at zero with an explanatory code of “MD” (daily maximum has been exceeded). Please note that when post-payment claims review identifies a claim for E411 with an explanatory code of “MD” the Ministry may follow up with the physician for an explanation. <i>If it is determined that more than one delivery was rendered on the day that E411 was claimed, the payment for E411 is subject to repayment.</i>
Per year	The sole delivery premium is only eligible for payment on 25 sole deliveries in a fiscal year (April 1 to March 31 of the following year). When the claims processing system identifies that there has been 25 paid services for E411, any additional claims for E411 in the fiscal year will be paid at zero with an explanatory code of “MY” (yearly maximum has been exceeded).

Examples**Example 1**

Mrs. A arrives at the hospital Tuesday at 05:30, is admitted into the labour and delivery ward and examined. She has dilated to 7 centimetres and the nurse at the hospital contacts her family physician (Dr. B), who will be delivering. Dr. B arrives at the hospital at 07:00 and delivers Mrs. A’s baby at 07:35. Some time shortly after the delivery, Dr. B leaves the hospital to attend his usual office practice. Dr. B does not perform any other deliveries on Tuesday. Is Dr. B eligible for payment of E411?

Yes, Dr. B is eligible for payment of P006 (vaginal delivery) at \$498.70, plus the sole delivery premium (E411) at 100% of the value of P006 (i.e., \$498.70), because this was the only delivery of that day.

If Mrs. A delivers twins, Dr. B is still eligible for payment of the sole delivery premium, but only for one of the delivery services.

Example 2

Mrs. C is admitted to the hospital on Wednesday evening at 20:00 with severe pregnancy-induced hypertension and is immediately scheduled for a caesarean. Dr. D initiates a magnesium sulphate IV infusion and shortly afterwards performs a caesarean section. Dr. D is eligible for payment of P018, E414 (high risk obstetrical premium), Z775 (pharmacological management of P.I.H. and toxemia by IV) and E409 (evening premium). Dr. D also renders a vaginal delivery later that evening. Is Dr. D eligible for E411 on this day?

No, Dr. D has rendered more than one delivery service on the calendar day and therefore E411 is not eligible for payment.

If Dr. D only delivers Mrs. C and does not render any other deliveries that day, provided all other payment requirements are met, he would be eligible for payment of:

- P018 (\$579.80);
- E409 (\$289.90);
- E414 (\$62.05);
- Z775 (\$67.75); and
- E411 — eligible only on the P018 and E414 claims (\$579.80 + \$62.05 = \$641.85).

Example 3

Dr. E, a family physician who delivers his own obstetrical patients, attends one of his patients during the first and second stages of labour. Dr. E identifies problems in the second stage of labour and consults Dr. F, an obstetrician. Dr. F delivers the patient and Dr. E assists at the delivery. Dr. E did not attend to any other labour/delivery patients that day. Is he eligible for the E411 premium for the service he rendered to his obstetrical patient?

Yes, provided all payment requirements are met, Dr. E is eligible for payment of P009 and E411 for attendance

at labour and delivery (as long as he does not deliver or render the service of attendance at the labour and delivery of any of his other patients in the same calendar day).

In this example, if Dr. F does not render any of the other labour/delivery services listed in this Bulletin on that day, then Dr. F is also eligible for the E411 premium. In other words, more than one physician may be eligible for the premium for the same patient provided it is the only labour/delivery service rendered by each physician on that day, and all other payment requirements are met.

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