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Policy Name:	<u>Non-Obstetrical Ultrasounds – Redundant Services</u>	Page:	1 of 1
Department :	Reimbursement	Policy Number:	<u>ABHLA-RP-3010</u>
Subsection:		Effective Date:	00/00/2020
Applies to:	Aetna Better Health of Louisiana		

PURPOSE:

To provide reimbursement guidelines for transabdominal and transvaginal non-obstetrical ultrasounds.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE/OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana considers the pelvic ultrasound, real-time with image documentation, complete (76856) or pelvic ultrasound, real-time with image documentation, limited or follow-up (76857) to be the same as the transvaginal ultrasound (76830) for purposes of evaluating and documenting the same structures.

The above transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasound services are considered redundant and will not be reimbursed unless there are extenuating circumstances to necessitate both approaches.

Claims for redundant ultrasound services billed for the same conditions at the same session must provide documentation of medical necessity.

DEFINITIONS:

Ultrasound	A non-invasive medical diagnostic procedure which provides visualization of the pelvic region.
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LEGAL/CONTRACT REFERENCE:

Review/Revision History	
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