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- Term infant born to a mother with maternal OUD, on suboxone, develops symptoms and signs of withdrawal at 3 days of life. Finnegan scores consistently above 10 that day. Treated with morphine dosing tapered over the next 10 days and discharged home on DOL 15.
- Term infant born to a mother with maternal OUD, on suboxone, develops symptoms and signs of withdrawal at 3 days of life. Noted to respond to non-pharm interventions including swaddling, kangaroo care with mom and breastfeeding. Infant moved to a single patient room on the pediatric floor where mom can room in. Nurses noting that eat, sleep and console criteria are satisfied with non-pharm measures being used. Baby discharged at 9 days of life with mom.

Coding Neonatal Withdrawal Syndrome

- The current ICD-10 code* for NAS is P96.1, Neonatal withdrawal symptoms from maternal use of drugs of addiction.
- Clinical Information
 - A constellation of signs and symptoms observable in a neonate that are consistent with maternal substance abuse or withdrawal while pregnant.
 - Fetal and neonatal addiction and withdrawal as a result of the mother's dependence on drugs during pregnancy.
 - Withdrawal or abstinence symptoms develop shortly after birth. Symptoms exhibited are loud, high-pitched crying, sweating, yawning and gastrointestinal disturbances.
- This does not include newborns that are withdrawing from opioids or other substances that were given after birth for treatment.
- All NAS diagnoses should also include a diagnosis of substance exposure to at least one substance in utero.

Exposure to a Substance in Utero

| Neuroactive Substance | ICD-10 Diagnostic Codes* for Newborns with “Exposure” to Substances |
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| Opiates: Buprenorphine, Codeine, Fentanyl, Heroin, Methadone, Morphine, Meperidine, Pentazocine | PO4.14: Newborn affected by maternal use of opiates |
| Neurontin (Gabapentin) | PO4.13: Newborn affected by maternal use of anticonvulsants |
| SSRIs and anti-depressants | PO4.15: Newborn affected by maternal use of antidepressants |
| Adderall, methamphetamine | PO4.16: Newborn affected by maternal use of amphetamines |
| Barbiturates, Diazepam, lorazepam, Chlordiazepoxide | PO4.17: Newborn affected by maternal use of sedative-hypnotics |
| Tobacco | PO4.2: Newborn affected by maternal use of tobacco |
| Alcohol | PO4.3: Newborn affected by maternal use of alcohol |
| Cocaine | PO4.41: Newborn affected by maternal use of cocaine |
| Phencyclidine | PO4.42: Newborn affected by maternal use of hallucinogens |
| Other Drugs | PO4.49: Newborn affected by maternal use of other drugs of addiction *Note: there are other PO4.* codes available. Please determine if a more specific code is more applicable prior to assigning this code |
| Marijuana, THC | PO4.81: Newborn affected by maternal use of cannabis |
| Neonatal withdrawal (NAS) | ICD-10 Diagnostic Code* for Newborns with Withdrawal |
| | P96.1 – Neonatal Withdrawal symptoms from maternal use of drugs of addiction |

Diagnosing NAS

- Florida Criteria for chart review
 1. evidence of maternal use of opioids, benzodiazepines, or barbiturates
 2. presence of ≥ 1 infant withdrawal signs related to NAS
 3. birth hospitalization length of stay > 3 days

Payment Differential

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| DRG – 795 Normal newborn (with no extra codes) | DRG – 794 Neonate with other significant problems (with code P04.14) | DRG – 793 Full term neonate w/major problems (with both codes P04.14 vs P96.1) |
| CMS weight 0.19070 | Weight: 1.40840 | CMS weight 3.97920 |
| \$ 4,703.60 | \$15, 502. 72 | \$ 36,194.31 |
| SOI = 2 | SOI= 2 | SOI = 2 |
| ROM = 1 | ROM = 1 | ROM= 1 |
| Principle DX: Single live born infant delivered C-section | Principle Dx: Single live born infant delivered C-section | Principle Dx: Single live born infant delivered C-section |
| | Estimated gain: \$10, 799.12 | Estimated gain \$31,490.71 |

ACOG Recommendations for Maternal Opioid Use Disorder

- Primary Code
 - O99.320 Drug use complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester
 - O99.321 Drug use complicating pregnancy, first trimester
 - O99.322 Drug use complicating pregnancy, second trimester
 - O99.323 Drug use complicating pregnancy, third trimester
 - O99.324 Drug use complicating childbirth
 - O99.325 Drug use complicating puerperium
- Secondary Code
 - F11.10 Opioid abuse, uncomplicated
 - F11.11 Opioid abuse, in remission
 - F11.12 Opioid abuse with intoxication
 - F11.14 Opioid abuse with opioid-induced mood disorder
 - F11.15 Opioid abuse with opioid-induced psychotic disorder
 - F11.18 Opioid abuse with other opioid-induced disorder
 - F11.19 Opioid abuse with unspecified opioid-induced disorder
 - F11.2 Opioid dependence
 - F11.9 Opioid use, unspecified

Comprehensively Lessening Opioid Use Disorder (cLOUDi

