

Payment Validation & Assurance Service

Pay claims right the first time

*Eliminate provider abrasion by validating NICU claims before you pay.
The ProgenyHealth service pays for itself with a 4:1 ROI.*

Claims processing is complex and demanding. It strains your workload and stresses your relationships with providers.

The pressure to reduce NICU costs through audits and recovery also drives administrative costs. Post-pay audits and recovery drive a vicious cycle of provider abrasion and ever-growing overhead.

Despite the headaches, payment validation and assurance is necessary. Of the \$390 billion paid in CMS claims in 2017, more than 9 percent was remitted in error.¹

Rather than “pay-and-chase” through audits, ProgenyHealth pays claims right the first time. We verify billed charges, reduce NICU claims costs, and eliminate provider abrasion for all payment methodologies and types of contracts.

“ProgenyHealth only collects when they find savings. That’s a low-risk financial model I can get behind.”

Health Plan CFO

How the Service Works



Cost Drivers

We validate key NICU cost drivers before payment. The service:

- **Verifies** length of stay – billed vs. authorized
- **Assures** billed charges match the clinical levels of care authorized
- **Validates** APR DRG for severity risk using 100+ targeted codes to help eliminate up-coding



Claims Data

Baby Trax® provides complete data history to validate claims by:

- **Matching** claims data with authorizations
- **Intervening** proactively upstream within one business day
- **Maintaining** turnaround time targets
- **Driving** change in hospital billing behaviors
- **Maximizing** UM benefits



Payment Assurance

ProgenyHealth pays claims correctly the first time to maximize your value from the program. The service:

- **Reduces** NICU claim costs
- **Verifies** billed charges
- **Eliminates** provider abrasion
- **Ends** the “pay and chase” process and help eliminate up-coding

ProgenyHealth addresses your top three reimbursement concerns



1. Unauthorized Billing

Unauthorized billed days, levels of care, or both, may result in:

- Over-billing in per diem and percent of charge schemes
- Triggering outlier reimbursements from DRG methodology



2. Coding Validation

Gaps between physician documentation and coder interpretation:

- Clinical validation requires NICU-specific clinical review to determine whether the patient possesses the documented condition(s)
- Clinical validation is beyond the scope of DRG validation and the skills of a certified hospital coder



3. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

Prevalence of 3M®APR-DRG results in the potential for fraud, waste, and abuse:

- 112 APR-DRGs provide levers for errors and abuse
- Inappropriate diagnosis or procedure codes result in potential “up-coding”
- The absence of appropriate diagnosis or procedure codes results in outliers by potential “down-coding”

Results

- Savings identified on a range of **10-20%** of reviewed claims
- **Seventy percent (70%) of claims** with identified savings on typical NICU cases,
- **Greatest savings** on individual claims over \$450K
- On average, savings per adjusted claim is **50% of billed charges** and exceeds \$5K
- Contingent fee structure offers built-in **4:1 ROI**

Savings Example

40-week GA infant, C-section with meconium:

- Poor perfusion, respiratory distress requiring NC O2 initially then weaned to RA, IVF and on full PO feeds by DOL 2
- Treated for **possible** sepsis with antibiotics for 2 days, blood cultures **negative**
- Length of Stay: 3 days

Pre-Review

APR DRG: 636-3 Rate: **\$16,013**

Post-Review

APR DRG: 636-2 Rate: **\$9,098**

Recovered Amount **\$6,915**



76%

Overpayment

Why ProgenyHealth

Only ProgenyHealth can validate claims with BabyTrax, our industry-leading NICU-centric technology. This whole-person platform drives intelligent workflows, APR-DRG savings, and better outcomes. Most importantly, our specialized NICU focus reduces the cost of care, aligns payments with the appropriate services, and helps families get off to the best start.

To learn more about how ProgenyHealth's Payment Validation & Assurance Service can lower your costs and promote higher quality care for your members, visit progenyhealth.com or call us at 610-832-2001 ext. 227

