

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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<b>TO</b> <i>Myers</i>	<b>DATE</b> <i>4-2-09</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER  <i>100549</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>Cleared 4/8/09, e-mail response attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>4-13-09</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		

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**From:** Brian C Blase <bblase@gmu.edu>  
**To:** <stenstand@scdhhs.gov>  
**Date:** 4/1/2009 4:17 pm  
**Subject:** South Carolina Medicaid reimbursement codes  
  
To Whom It May Concern,

I am a researcher at George Mason University in Virginia, and I am studying physician practices with regard to delivery method. I am looking at vaginal delivery vs. C-section rates across all states, and one of the data points that I need are Medicaid reimbursement rates for labor and delivery services - preferably over time back until 1997. Specifically, I am looking at codes 59409, 59410, 59514, and 59515. Can you provide me with these reimbursement rates going back to the year 1997?

Additionally, I am interested in the breakdown of pregnancies paid for by Medicaid between C-sections and Vaginal Births, and any help you could provide me in this area would be much appreciated as well.

Thank you very much for your time. I am interested in the information as soon as possible. Please call me at 703-980-0426 if you have any questions regarding my request

Sincerely,  
Brian Blase

**From:** Jan Polatty  
**To:** Brenda James  
**Date:** 4/1/2009 5:08 pm  
**Subject:** Please Log: Fwd: South Carolina Medicaid reimbursement codes

Thanks, Jan.

>>> Jeff Stensland 4/1/2009 4:53 PM >>>  
Log letter

Jeff Stensland  
SC DHHS  
(803) 898-2584

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**To:** Margarete Keller  
**CC:** Felicity Myers  
**Date:** 4/3/2009 1:35 PM  
**Subject:** Log 000549

Instead of this log being assigned to Bz - Felicity has reassigned it to Laurel. Just an fyi. Thanks, Jan.

BW-  
FYI

**From:** Nancy Rabert  
**To:** Brenda James; Margarete Keller  
**Date:** 4/6/2009 9:48 am  
**Subject:** Note - Log 549 now to be re-logged to Laurel Eddins

Please see the following.

>>> Melanie Glese 4/3/2009 1:36 PM >>>  
Laurel-  
We have re-logged this from me to you with Felicity's approval. I just placed it in your chair.  
BZ

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## Nancy Rabert - SC Medicaid Reimbursement

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**From:** Melanie Giese  
**To:** bblase@gmu.edu  
**Date:** 4/8/2009 3:36 PM  
**Subject:** SC Medicaid Reimbursement  
**CC:** Jeff Stensland; Nancy Rabert  
**Attachments:** Jeff Stensland; Nancy Rabert

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Mr. Blase-

The attached files are in response to your request to Mr. Jeff Stensland dated 4/1/09, requesting information regarding vaginal delivery rates versus C-section rates and the breakdown of pregnancies paid for by Medicaid.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your compiled research when completed.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (803) 898-2868.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Giese

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Live Birth Delivery Method History from Calendar Year 2003 through 2008

CY 2003			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
19,062	7,650		26,712
71%	29%		

CY 2004			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
19,738	8,302		28,040
70%	30%		

CY 2005			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
20,706	9,301		30,007
69%	31%		

CY 2006			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
21,988	10,033		32,021
69%	31%		

CY 2007			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
22,003	10,254		32,257
68%	32%		

CY 2008			
Deliveries	Deliveries	Deliveries Live	
Vaginal	CSection	Births	
21,969	10,574		32,543
68%	32%		

Provider Type	2009	Oct-08	2008	Oct-07	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	Feb-02	2002	2002 - 1997
59409 Nurse Midwives	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59409 Nurse Midwives with SB Modifier	\$650.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$455.00	Info not available
59409 Nurse Midwives with TC Modifier	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00			Info not available
59409 Outpatient Hospital	\$1,585.73	\$1,585.73	\$1,585.73	\$1,585.73	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00				Info not available
59409 Physicians	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59409 Rural Health Clinics	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59514 Nurse Midwife	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59514 Nurse Practitioner	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59514 Physicians	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available
59514 Rural Health Clinics	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	Info not available



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