

# AUTHORIZATION AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OB HOSPITAL SERVICES



Reason for Hospital Visit	Condition or Concern	Notification and/or Authorization Requirements
<b>Labor Check</b>	<p>Pregnant member presents to the hospital with possible symptoms of labor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other condition is diagnosed.</li> <li>• No interventions are done to stop labor.</li> <li>• No baby is delivered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No authorization or notification required, and the stay is less than 6 hours.</li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Admission for Normal Delivery (vaginal or C-section)</b>	<p>Member delivers a healthy baby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WellCare will pay according to the DRG for a vaginal delivery or a C-section without medical review. The standard for inpatient stays is 2 days for vaginal delivery and 4 days for a C-section.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorization is not required for a normal delivery admission.</li> <li>• For discharge planning purposes, we request notification of the birth by the next business day following delivery. Notification should include mom's admission date, baby's sex and weight, type of delivery, and discharge date for mom and baby.</li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Admission for Complex Delivery</b>	<p>Member and/or baby suffer complications during delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mom and/or baby stay longer than the standard 2/4 days due to a medical complication.</li> <li>• Baby needs care other than standard newborn nursery services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical review and authorization <u>will be required</u> to monitor for discharge planning needs. Notification should include the same information as above.</li> <li>• The hospital is required to notify the Plan with clinical information on the next business day.</li> <li>• Baby will need an authorization for additional services and any hospital stay beyond the standard 2/4 days.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Observation &gt;24 Hours and Inpatient Admissions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor Checks</li> <li>• Preterm Labor</li> <li>• Complications of Pregnancy</li> </ul>	<p>Pregnant member presents with symptoms of threatened labor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If member is preterm, diagnostic tests and clinical interventions are performed to evaluate and stop progression of labor.</li> <li>• Patient's clinical status and services provided must meet clinical criteria for observation or inpatient stay.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are considered medical admissions (observation &gt;24 hours or inpatient). To obtain an authorization, a submission of clinical information to support the admission is required by the end of the next business day.</li> </ul>



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