



Maternity & Newborn Prior Authorization Requirements

For Admission dates prior to 7/1/13

Including BBA and Undocumented Non-Citizen admission on and after 7/1/13

This document provides information to assist in determining when prior authorization by eQHealth must be obtained. Please note the following:

- For newborns requiring prior authorization who do not have their own Medicaid number eQHealth will assign a temporary identification number.
- The newborns certification information will not be transmitted to the fiscal agent until the provider obtains a valid Medicaid number and updates the eQSuite record.

Please refer to the Agency's provider handbooks for additional information and billing requirements.

Situation	Prior Auth Requirements	Comments
Mother's primary coverage is Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior Authorization is required for the mother's inpatient stay. ▶ A PA# is not required for the baby as long as the mother and the baby are discharged at the same time. 	
Mother's primary coverage is Medicaid, but the newborn's length of stay is longer than the mother's, i.e., it exceeds the mother's discharge date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior authorization is required if the newborn stays more than one billable day after mother's discharge. ▶ Mothers discharge date becomes newborns first inpatient day. 	
Mother is not eligible for Medicaid. Does not have Medicare or third-party insurance (third party liability)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior authorization is required only for the newborn. ▶ Newborn's admit date is the date of birth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Newborns primary insurance is Medicaid
Mother is eligible for both Medicare Part A and Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior authorization is required only for the newborn ▶ Newborn's stay must be prior authorized from the date of birth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mothers primary payer is Medicare prior auth for the mother is not required.

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<p>Mother is eligible for Medicaid and has third party insurance (TPL) covering the delivery but the newborn is not covered by the TPL insurance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior Authorization is required for the newborn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mothers primary payer is the third-party Liability insurance. ▶ Newborns primary payer is Medicaid.
<p>Mother is not Medicaid eligible but has other coverage: Examples: Medicare primary without secondary Medicaid; commercial (TPL) primary without secondary Medicaid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior is not required for the mother. ▶ If the newborn is Medicaid eligible or there is a reasonable expectation that the newborn will become Medicaid eligible, Prior Authorization is required for the newborn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Retrospective review may occur is the mother is determined to be eligible for Medicaid.
<p>Extramural Delivery and mother is Medicaid eligible. (newborn was born prior to admission)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A separate Prior Authorization is required for the mother and the newborn. ▶ Newborn's admit date is the date of admission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Newborn has Medicaid for the first year of life.
<p>Medicaid-eligible newborn was born in hospital A and was transferred to hospital B. Mother remains in hospital A.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prior authorization is required for hospital B for the baby. ▶ Infant's admit date is the admission date to hospital B. 	
<p>Mom is incarcerated and admitted for delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A Prior authorization is required for the newborn. ▶ Newborn's admit date is the date of birth. 	
<p>Mother is enrolled in a Medicaid HMO</p>	<p>Prior Authorization is required for the newborn when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Newborns Medicaid number has not been activated or the mother did not inform the managed care plan and DCF of her pregnancy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Newborn is fee-for-service at birth and until the infants Medicaid number is assigned.



Twins or other multiple births	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ When more than one newborn is delivered in the hospital and prior authorization is required in accordance with the preceding requirements, each newborn requires its own prior authorization number.	
Babies born prior to 7/1/13, the mother is discharged on or after 7/1/13 and the baby remains inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Initial and continued stay authorizations are required.▶ Per Diem rules apply.	