



El Paso Health
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: August 9, 2018

RE: Hospital Neonatal Level of Care Designation Effective 09/01/2018

As a reminder: Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has mandated criteria and designations of neonatal level of care (LOC) for hospitals. As a result of House Bill 15, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 and House Bill 3433, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, the hospital neonatal levels of care designation rule was adopted (see 25 Texas Administrative Code Sections 133.181 through 133.190).

In accordance with HHSC requirements following the Texas Legislative mandates, to be reimbursed by Medicaid in Texas, hospitals must have a neonatal level of care designations by **September 01, 2018**. A hospital that has not received a neonatal level of care designation by the required date will be ineligible to receive reimbursement through the Medicaid program for neonatal services, with the exception of emergency services as required to be provided or reimbursed under state or federal law. Managed Care Organizations are being required to adjudicate claims with the new neonatal designation.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact our Provider Relations Team M-F from 8am-5pm at 1-877-532-2877 x1507.