



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Valued Medicaid Providers

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**FROM:** El Paso Health

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**DATE:** January 1, 2021

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**RE:** Prior Authorization For Standard Deliveries Not Required

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**Prior authorization for standard deliveries is not required.** El Paso Health is announcing a change related to the submission of notifications for standard OB deliveries in which a Prior Authorization/Reference number is provided as a courtesy to facilities. *Effective for dates of service January 1, 2021 all standard deliveries will be reimbursed regardless of Prior Authorization status.*

Prior Authorizations will only be needed if:

1. After 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery, or
2. After 96 hours following an uncomplicated delivery by caesarian section

For your convenience:

1. Vaginal Deliveries that are billed less than 2 days after delivery will be reimbursed at the case rate without an authorization.
2. Vaginal deliveries that are billed for more than 2 days after delivery require an authorization and medical necessity review for reimbursement.
3. C-sections that are billed less than 4 days after delivery will be paid at the case rate without an authorization.
4. C-sections that are billed for more than 4 days after delivery require an authorization and medical necessity review for reimbursement.
5. Any inpatient admission that resulted in a delivery that the member was admitted greater than 2 days prior to the date of delivery require an authorization and medical necessity review for reimbursement.

**Inpatient Delivery Notifications** El Paso Health requests that Providers continue to submit the hospital's face sheet for notification of delivery inpatient admissions and the NICU Notification Form for all NICU notifications. Inpatient delivery notification should be submitted as follows:



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- One face sheet is needed with Mother's:
  - Name
  - Date of Birth
  - Member ID number
  - Delivery Date
- If baby was a sick baby transferred to NICU, the ***NICU Notification Form*** should be submitted
- A separate face sheet for Med/Surg notifications
- A face sheet for observation stays converted to inpatient status to include the physicians' orders

Inpatient notifications and supporting documentation should be submitted to the Utilization Management Unit by fax at **915-298-5278**, or telephonically at **915-532-3778 (toll free at 877-532-3778)**.

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact our Provider Relations Department for assistance at 1-915-532-3778 or toll free at 1-877-532-3778.