MP 10.01.04  Physician Attendance at Delivery for Newborn Care

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Description

A qualified physician (specifically, a pediatrician or a neonatologist) is physically present in the delivery room or operating room to receive an infant on delivery.

Policy

The services of an additional physician for the neonate at a cesarean section or vaginal delivery are considered medically necessary when requested by the attending physician and there is documentation of fetal distress or reasonable anticipation of newborn distress and the additional physician in attendance is directly involved in providing a service to the infant.

Policy Guidelines

The initial newborn examination is included as part of the service by the physician in attendance at delivery.

Services by the additional physician are routinely not covered if subsequent professional services are not rendered by the same physician. When subsequent professional services are rendered by the same physician, the attendance is not paid as a separate service; it is an integral part of subsequent services.

Rationale

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