

Normal Newborn Inpatient Care

For routine care of normal infants performed in the first days after birth prior to home discharge

Type of Visit	CPT Codes	Criteria	Description/Tips
Initial Care	99460	Per day charges, for care of normal infants from birth to 28 days of age.	<p>Normal infants transition to life in the usual manner and do not require significant intervention. They may have an abnormal diagnosis, be late preterm, or require testing or observation, but otherwise require no special care. Includes history, exam, orders for testing and treatment, discussion with family, and documentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Care is for the first day that the infant is seen by your service. Subsequent Care is for each day after the initial, until date of discharge. Same Day Admit/Discharge codes are used when the infant is admitted and discharged on the same calendar date.
Subsequent Care	99462		
Same Day Admit and Discharge	99463		

Sick Newborn Inpatient Care

For care of infants that is not considered normal care but also does not meet the description for intensive or critical care.

Type of Visit	CPT Codes	MDM Level	Minimum Total Time <i>Must be documented by provider in note</i>	Description/Tips
Initial Visit	99221	Straightforward or Low	40 minutes	<p>These codes are used for the first visit by the admitting provider/group during the current admission.</p> <p>Level of service is determined by either Medical Decision Making or Total Time.</p> <p>Prolonged service codes will also apply when time exceeds the highest threshold by at least 15 minutes.</p>
	99222	Moderate	55 minutes	
	99223	High	75 minutes	
Subsequent Visit	99231	Straightforward or Low	25 minutes	<p>These are used for each day of subsequent care, until date of discharge, following the initial care by a provider of the same group/service.</p> <p>Level of service is determined by either Medical Decision Making or Total Time.</p> <p>Prolonged service codes will also apply when time exceeds the highest threshold by at least 15 minutes.</p>
	99232	Moderate	35 minutes	
	99233	High	50 minutes	

Newborn Intensive Care			
Inpatient care for the child who is not critically ill but requires intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services.			
Type of visit	CPT Codes	Criteria	Description/Tips
Initial Care	99477	Per day charges, for intensive care of infants, from birth to 28 days of age	Initial day of care for the evaluation and management of the neonate, 28 days of age or younger, who requires intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services
Subsequent Care	99478	Per day charges, for intensive care of infants, from birth to 28 days of age: Body weight of less than 1500 grams	Subsequent care for evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant.
	99479	Body weight of 1500-2500 grams	Subsequent care for evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant.
	99480	Body weight of 2501-5000 grams	Subsequent care for evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant. If infant is greater than 5000 grams, and is neither Normal nor Critical, use the "sick newborn" E/M codes.

Newborn Critical Care			
Type of visit	CPT Codes	Criteria	Description/Tips
Initial Critical Care	99468	Per day	Evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger
Subsequent Critical Care	99469	Per day	Evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger

Discharge Day Management			
Care provided on the date of discharge. Discharge from all levels of newborn and pediatric care.			
Type of visit	CPT Codes	Criteria	Description/Tips
Discharge Services	99238	N/A	30 minutes or Less
	99239	N/A	More than 30 minutes
			Time is only the time spent on the date of discharge, any work done prior to is not included in these CPT codes. To support 99239, the time must be documented in the note.