

maintenance organization in performing utilization review of hospital services related to maternity and newborn care, including length of stay, shall be in accordance with the medical criteria outlined in the most current version of the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

[(b) A private review agent or health maintenance organization may authorize a shorter length of hospital stay for services related to maternity and newborn care provided the newborn meets the criteria for medical stability in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care" and the private review agent or health maintenance organization authorizes for the mother and child an initial postpartum home visit which would include the collection of an adequate sample for the hereditary and metabolic newborn screening, when indicated.]

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMING UTILIZATION REVIEW OF HOSPITAL SERVICES RELATED TO MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CARE SHALL AUTHORIZE A MINIMUM OF:

(1) 48 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION CARE FOLLOWING AN UNCOMPLICATED VAGINAL DELIVERY; AND

(2) 96 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION CARE FOLLOWING AN UNCOMPLICATED CESAREAN SECTION.

(D) (1) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY AUTHORIZE A SHORTER LENGTH OF STAY THAN THAT PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF THE MOTHER, IN CONSULTATION WITH HER ATTENDING PROVIDER, DECIDES THAT LESS TIME IS NEEDED FOR RECOVERY.

~~(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMING UTILIZATION REVIEW SHALL AUTHORIZE, FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD, A MINIMUM OF ONE HOME VISIT:~~

~~(i) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR HOME CARE OF A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD; AND~~

~~(ii) BY A REGISTERED NURSE WITH AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH NURSING OR IN COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.~~

~~(2) (3) FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD WHO HAVE A HOSPITAL STAY SHORTER IN LENGTH THAN THAT PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMING UTILIZATION REVIEW SHALL AUTHORIZE A MINIMUM OF 3 2 HOME VISITS:~~

~~(i) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR HOME CARE OF A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD; AND~~