

(II) AN ADDITIONAL HOME VISIT AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTENDING PROVIDER

(3) FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD WHO REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR AT LEAST THE PERIOD OF TIME PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMING UTILIZATION REVIEW SHALL AUTHORIZE A HOME VISIT AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTENDING PROVIDER

(4) A HOME VISIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OR (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

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

(II) BE PROVIDED 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; AND

(III) INCLUDE ANY SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE ATTENDING PROVIDER

(E) (1) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM, REQUIRE ADDITIONAL UTILIZATION REVIEW OF, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE FINANCIAL DISINCENTIVES FOR AN ATTENDING PROVIDER WHO ORDERS CARE CONSISTENT WITH FOR WHICH COVERAGE IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION OR WITH THE TERMS OF § 19-703 OF THIS ARTICLE OR ARTICLE 48A, §§ 354F, 470H, OR 477-1 OF THE CODE.

(2) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT, HOSPITAL, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT DENY, LIMIT, OR OTHERWISE IMPAIR THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY ATTENDING PROVIDER UNDER A CONTRACT OR ANY PRIVILEGE GRANTED AN ATTENDING PROVIDER WHO ADVOCATES MORE THAN 48 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE FOLLOWING A COMPLICATED VAGINAL DELIVERY OR MORE THAN 96 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE FOLLOWING A COMPLICATED CESAREAN SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in addition to the requirements of Article 48A, § 490FF(e)(2) of the Code as enacted by this Act, an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization subject to the requirements of Article 48A, § 490FF(e) shall send to insureds or enrollees the notice required under Article 48A, § 490FF(e)(1) of the Code as enacted by this Act by January 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all health insurance or other benefit plans subject to the provisions of this Act shall make the benefits available on and after its effective date, notwithstanding any policy or benefit statement to the contrary.

SECTION 3-4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.