

(2) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OF THE MOTHER, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE MOTHER OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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(A) Every insurer who issues or delivers a group or blanket health insurance policy under which any hospitalization benefits are provided for normal pregnancy shall provide those benefits for the cost of hospitalization for childbirth to the same extent as the hospitalization benefit provided in the policy for any covered illness. [This provision may not be construed, however, to require any insurer to provide benefits for pregnancy or childbirth in any policy.]

(B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 490FF OF THIS ARTICLE AND SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, WHENEVER A MOTHER IS REQUIRED TO REMAIN HOSPITALIZED AFTER CHILDBIRTH FOR MEDICAL REASONS AND THE MOTHER REQUESTS THAT THE NEWBORN REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL, AN INSURER SHALL PAY THE COST OF ADDITIONAL HOSPITALIZATION FOR THE NEWBORN FOR UP TO 4 DAYS.

(2) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OF THE MOTHER, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE MOTHER OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

490FF.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ATTENDING PHYSICIAN PROVIDER" MEANS AN OBSTETRICIAN, PEDIATRICIAN, OR OTHER PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE OR PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER ATTENDING THE MOTHER OR NEWBORN CHILD.

(B) AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT PROVIDES INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION COVERAGE TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER A HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE, INCLUDING A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE COST OF INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION SERVICES FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD FOR A MINIMUM OF:

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

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

~~(C) AN INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR POST DELIVERY CARE FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, CONSISTENT WITH THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN THE~~