

November 2019

Last day of NICU to lower level of care

For babies staying in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), providers may maintain the appropriate level of care by moving the baby to nursery/boarder baby level of care for the last one to two days of the inpatient stay.

Nursery/boarder baby level of care

NICU providers may request primary caregivers to room-in with their baby prior to discharge. This ensures the caregivers are comfortable taking care of the baby on their own. During the rooming-in period, the baby may be transitioned from the NICU to a nursery/boarder baby level of care, where the parents or caregivers may spend time taking care of the baby with assistance in a safe environment. During this time, parents or caregivers may learn to use medical equipment or give the baby medicine.

Moving a baby from NICU to nursery/boarder baby

Moving a baby from the NICU to a lower level of care is suitable if the appropriate level of care is maintained. For information regarding inpatient hospital per diem rate types, please refer to the appropriate fee schedule at www.lamedicaid.com.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

<https://providers.healthybluelouisiana.com>

Healthy Blue is the trade name of Community Care Health Plan of Louisiana, Inc., an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

BLAPEC-1507-19 November 2019