



Provider Billing Alert

Subject: Vaginal and C-Section Delivery Authorization Update

Scope: All Unison Health Plan Products

In an effort to ease the authorization process for vaginal and C-section deliveries, we have updated our Maternity Outcome Authorization Form. This new form will assist you in obtaining authorizations for uncomplicated vaginal and c-section deliveries. Unison has eliminated the telephonic prior authorization notification for these services. The Plan will allow the attached form to be faxed within forty-eight (48) hours of the mother's discharge from the inpatient admission. Information related to the delivery and the newborn must be documented on the attached form and faxed to the Utilization Management Department at 412.457.1351. Please begin using the updated form immediately.

Once the form is received the clinical information will be entered into our system and an authorization number will be faxed back to you. Please feel free to duplicate the form as needed.

A separate authorization number must be obtained for the following:

- NICU Admissions
- Facility Transfers
- Out of Network Services
- Sterilizations (Federal Form)
- Infant remaining hospitalized after mother's discharge
- Length of stay exceeding two (2) days for a vaginal delivery
- Length of stay exceeding four (4) days for a c-section delivery
- Mother does not deliver within two (2) days of admission

*Please note: The attached form does not replace the Prenatal Risk Assessment Form. Global authorization is still required for appropriate payment of professional prenatal services.

Should you have any questions, please contact Provider Services at 1.800.600.9007.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

