



Payment Policy

Subject: Nursery and Psychiatric Hospital Levels – OHIO ONLY

Policy

CareSource places sole reliance on the Ohio Department of Health for information relating to the assignment of a hospital's nursery and psychiatric hospital levels.

Definitions

“Level I nursery” is a nursery unit within a hospital which is registered with and recognized by the Ohio Department of Health as a level I nursery.

“Level II nursery” is a nursery unit within a hospital which is registered with and recognized by the Ohio Department of Health as a level II nursery.

“Level III nursery” is a nursery unit within a hospital that is registered with and recognized by the Ohio Department of Health as a level III nursery. *(All, from OAC 5101:3-2-02)*

Provider Reimbursement Guidelines

Background

Hospitals must be registered and must report certain information to the Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) annually in accordance with section 3701.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The ODH uses this information to establish the appropriate level of nursery care and the appropriate level of psychiatric care for each hospital. Survey information and other data are found for each hospital in Ohio at <http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/eid/default.aspx>.

Levels

There are three different levels of nurseries.

- “Level I” is also called a newborn or well-baby nursery.
- “Level II” is a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) that can provide care for a baby who is moderately sick but expected to improve quickly.
- “Level III” nursery offers the most intensive care possible for the sickest and smallest of babies.
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There are two different Psychiatric levels, 0 and 1.

- 0 [zero] indicates the hospital has no psychiatric beds.
- 1 indicates the hospital has psychiatric beds/ward.

CareSource uses the nursery and hospital psychiatric levels assigned by the Ohio Department of Health when setting up individual hospital provider agreements in their claims processing systems. These levels established within the CareSource claims processing system may impact how individual 'Medicaid patient' claims are processed and paid in Ohio.

Hospitals that have concerns regarding the appropriateness of the nursery and psychiatric levels assigned to them should direct their questions to the Ohio Department of Health.

Related Policies & References

Ohio Department of Health – Hospital Registration Information - <http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/eid/default.aspx>

State Exceptions

This payment policy applies to Ohio only.

Document Revision History
