

**62A.0411 MATERNITY CARE.**

Every health plan as defined in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3, that provides maternity benefits must, consistent with other coinsurance, co-payment, deductible, and related contract terms, provide coverage of a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care following a vaginal delivery and a minimum of 96 hours of inpatient care following a caesarean section for a mother and her newborn. The health plan shall not provide any compensation or other nonmedical remuneration to encourage a mother and newborn to leave inpatient care before the duration minimums specified in this section.

The health plan must also provide coverage for postdelivery care to a mother and her newborn if the duration of inpatient care is less than the minimums provided in this section.

Postdelivery care consists of a minimum of one home visit by a registered nurse. Services provided by the registered nurse include, but are not limited to, parent education, assistance and training in breast and bottle feeding, and conducting any necessary and appropriate clinical tests. The home visit must be conducted within four days following the discharge of the mother and her child.

**History:** 1996 c 335 s 1