

**017x Nursery**

Accommodation charges for nursing care to newborns and premature infants in nurseries.

SubC	Subcategory Definition	Standard Abbreviation	Unit	HCPCS
0	General Classification	NURSERY	Days	N
1	Newborn - Level I	NURSERY/LEVEL I	Days	N
2	Newborn - Level II	NURSERY/LEVEL II	Days	N
3	Newborn - Level III	NURSERY/LEVEL III	Days	N
4	Newborn - Level IV	NURSERY/LEVEL IV	Days	N
5-8	<i>RESERVED</i>			
9	Other Nursery	NURSERY-OTHER	Days	N

Notes: The levels of care correlate to the intensity of medical care provided to an infant and not the NICU facility certification level assigned by the state.

The level of care should be clinically evaluated on a daily basis, typically based on the resources provided to the infant. The assigned revenue code corresponds to the level of care determined during the daily evaluation. The levels of care and resulting revenue codes may, and likely will, fluctuate during the infant's stay in the facility.

Subcategories 1 - 4 for use by facilities with nursery services designed around distinct areas and/or levels of care. Levels of care defined under state regulations or other statutes supersede the guidelines below. For example, some states may have fewer than four levels of care or may have multiple levels within a category such as intensive care (NICU).

Level of Care*	Capabilities
Level I Well Newborn Nursery (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide neonatal resuscitation at every delivery.</li> <li>• Evaluate and provide postnatal care to stable term newborn infants.</li> <li>• Stabilize and provide care for infants born 35-37 weeks gestational age who remain physiologically stable.</li> <li>• Stabilize newborn infants who are ill and those born at &lt; 35 weeks gestational age until transfer to a higher level of care.</li> </ul>
Level II Special Care Nursery (b)	Level I capabilities plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for infants born <math>\geq 32</math> weeks of gestational age and weighing <math>\geq 1500g</math> who have physiologic immaturity or who are moderately ill with problems that are expected to resolve rapidly and are not anticipated to need subspecialty services on an urgent basis.</li> <li>• Provide care for infants convalescing after intensive care Provide mechanical ventilation for brief duration (&lt; 24 hrs.) or continuous positive airway pressure or both.</li> <li>• Provide mechanical ventilation for brief duration (&lt; 24 hrs.) or continuous positive airway pressure or both.</li> <li>• Stabilize infants born before 32 weeks of gestation and weighing &lt; 1500g until transfer to a neonatal intensive care facility.</li> </ul>

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Level of Care*	Capabilities
Level III NICU (c)	Level II capabilities plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide sustained life support.</li> <li>● Provide comprehensive care for infants born &lt; 32 weeks of gestational age and weighing &lt; 1500g and born at all gestational aged and birth weights with critical illness.</li> <li>● Provide prompt and readily available access to a full range of pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric ophthalmologists.</li> <li>● Provide a full range of respiratory support that may include conventional and/or high-frequency ventilation and inhaled nitric oxide.</li> <li>● Perform advanced imaging, with interpretation on an urgent basis, including computed tomography, MRI, and echocardiography.</li> </ul>
Level IV Regional NICU (d)	Level III capabilities plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Located within an institution with the capability to provide surgical repair of complex congenital or acquired conditions.</li> <li>● Maintain a full range of pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical subspecialists, and pediatric anesthesiologists at the site.</li> <li>● Facilitate transport and provide outreach education.</li> </ul>

**Health Care Provider Types Privileged at the Hospital**

- (a) Pediatricians, family physicians, nurse practitioners and other advanced practice registered nurses.
- (b) Level I health care providers plus: Pediatric hospitalists, neonatologists and neonatal nurse practitioners.
- (c) Level II health care providers plus: Pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric anesthesiologists, pediatric surgeons, and pediatric ophthalmologists.
- (d) Level III health care providers plus: Pediatric surgical subspecialists.

\* As defined in the most current Policy Statement on Levels of Neonatal Care from the American Academy of Pediatrics on Levels of Neonatal Care.