

**PROVINCIAL STANDARD
ADMITTING, CODING AND ABSTRACTING PRACTICES REGARDING INFANTS
DELIVERED IN A FACILITY WITHOUT OBSTETRIC SERVICES**

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Background

Prior to 2008, infants delivered in a hospital without an official obstetric service were not admitted to that facility; rather, the infant was transferred to a facility with obstetrical services for admission. In 2008 the HIM Leadership Committee re-affirmed that all infants delivered within an acute care facility must be admitted as a newborn to that facility.

In 2016-17, the definition of a newborn was revised nationally to improve consistency and comparability of newborn data. It states:

A newborn is a live birth, less than 24 hours of age, that has not been previously admitted to an acute care facility.

Purpose

The purpose of this provincial standard is to ensure standardization of admission process for infants delivered within an acute care facility

Admitting, Coding and Abstracting Requirements

Newborn Admissions in Acute Care Facilities

Infants delivered in an acute care facility must be admitted to the facility where they were born, this includes acute care facilities that do not offer obstetrical services.

Both the Admit Category and Entry Code must be 'N' – Newborn for infants delivered in the admitting facility.

Example: An infant delivered at the Bonavista Health Care Centre (which does not have obstetrical services) and transferred to Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital (which has obstetrical services): The infant is admitted to the Bonavista Health Care Centre as a Newborn. Upon transfer to the Dr. G.B. Cross Memorial Hospital, the infant is admitted as a Neonate.

Newborn Admissions in a Non Acute Care Facility

Infants delivered in a non acute care facility would be considered the same as an enroute or home delivery, and must be admitted as a newborn to the transfer site, if admitted within 24 hours of life as per the DAD Abstracting Manual 2016-17.

The Admit Category would be 'N' – Newborn and the Entry Code would be either 'D' – Direct or 'E' – Emergency depending on the circumstances at admission.

Example: An infant is delivered at Blue Crest Interfaith Home, Grand Bank (no acute care services) and transferred to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center. This infant would not be admitted to the Blue Crest Interfaith Home but would be admitted to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre as a newborn , if admitted within 24 hours of life as per the DAD Abstracting Manual 2016-17.

If infant's first ever admission occurs after 24 hours of life, the infant is admitted as a Neonate. The Admit Category is either 'L' – Elective or 'U' – Urgent/emergent as per patient chart information and Entry Code is either 'D' – Direct or 'E' – Emergency depending on the circumstances at admission.

The Live Birth Notification form for infants delivered enroute or at home must be completed by the facility admitting the infant.

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