



**PROVIDER BULLETIN**  
#17-2016

**TO:** Participating hospitals  
**FROM:** Provider Network Services  
**DATE:** July 7, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Authorizations for inpatient facility maternity claims

As previously communicated, with the transition to our new operating platform, there could be some differences in claims processing and outcomes.

We are sending this bulletin to notify you that an authorization is needed to assure proper claims payment for maternity admissions that exceed the following lengths of stay:

- vaginal deliveries of 5 days or greater
- cesarean deliveries of 7 days or greater

If you have an admission that exceeds these parameters, please contact Clinical Services at 1-800-ASK-BLUE (1-800-275-2583) to request authorization.

For any questions regarding this requirement, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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**We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.**

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