



Welcome to the November issue of Maxim Coding Corner<sup>SM</sup>! As a leader in the HIM industry, [Maxim Health Information Services](#) is committed to providing you with coding-related topics that matter to you. This month, we are focusing on Evaluation and Management coding for newborns. Read on below to learn more and be sure to look for information at the end of this article about our new [Ask a Coding Question](#) feature!

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#### Evaluation & Management Codes- Newborn Care Services

##### Newborn care taking place in location other than hospital or birthing room

For initial care, per day, for evaluation and management of a normal newborn seen in a location other than hospital or birthing room, utilize code 99461.

##### Newborn care in hospital

Initial newborn care performed in a hospital can be coded in different ways. The first question to ask would be, "Is this a healthy newborn or are there problems?" The answer to this question determines what codes are appropriate.

##### Healthy newborn

If the newborn is healthy, then code either 99460 or 99463 for the initial history and examination of a newborn seen in a hospital or birthing room. Code 99460 is used for the history and examination of the normal newborn infant, initiation of diagnostic and treatment programs, and preparation of hospital records. Code 99463 is used for the history and examination of a newborn when the newborn is assessed and discharged on the same day.

For attendance at delivery (when requested by the delivering physician) and initial stabilization of the newborn, code 99464 is appropriate. Code 99464 can be reported with 99460. Code 99464 cannot be coded in conjunction with 99465 (Delivery/birthing room resuscitation, provision of positive pressure ventilation and/or chest compressions in the presence of acute inadequate ventilation and/or cardiac output).

For subsequent hospital care for management of a normal

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newborn, code 99462.

For the discharge of a newborn subsequent to the day of admission, code 99238 or 99239, depending on the time involved.

### **Newborn with health problems**

Initial care for a newborn with health problems can be directed into one of three different codes or code sets. The two types of initial care coded are described below. Coding is dependent on what criteria of codes the newborn meets.

1. Inpatient Neonatal Intensive and critical care services (99468). The same definitions apply for these services as those that apply for the adult and child.

2. Initial Intensive Care service (99477). This code is for initial hospital care of a newborn that is not critically ill but requires intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services.

3. Admission to hospital (99221-99223). These codes would be used for newborns that are ill but do not fit into either of the other two categories, based on key components.

*\*Newborn code changes were effective 1/1/09.*

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## **Ask a Coding Question**

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