



REASON FOR HOSPITAL VISIT	CONDITION OR CONCERN	NOTIFICATION AND/OR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS
<p><b>Labor Check</b></p>	<p>Pregnant member presents to the hospital with possible symptoms of labor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other condition is diagnosed.</li> <li>• No interventions are done to stop labor.</li> <li>• No baby is delivered.</li> </ul>	<p>No authorization or notification is required, as long as service is not billed as an observation stay.</p>
<p><b>Hospital Admission for Normal Delivery</b> (vaginal or C-section)</p>	<p>Member delivers a healthy baby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WellCare will pay according to the DRG for a vaginal delivery or a C-section without medical review. The standard for inpatient stays is 2 days for vaginal delivery and 4 days for a C-section.</li> <li>• If mom and/or baby stay longer than the 2–4 days due to a medical complication, clinical review and authorization will be required to monitor for discharge planning needs.</li> </ul>	<p>Notification is not required for normal delivery admission.</p> <p>For discharge planning purposes, we request notification of the birth by the next business day following delivery.</p> <p>Notification should include mom's admission date, baby's birth date, sex, weight, type of delivery, and discharge date for mom and baby.</p> <p>Mom and baby will need an authorization for any hospital stay beyond the standard 2–4 days. The hospital is required to notify WellCare of Georgia within 24 hours, followed by clinical information on the next business day.</p>
<p><b>Observation and Inpatient Admissions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor Checks</li> <li>• Preterm Labor</li> <li>• Complications of Pregnancy</li> </ul>	<p>Pregnant member presents with symptoms of threatened labor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If member is preterm, diagnostic tests and clinical interventions are performed to evaluate and stop progression of labor.</li> <li>• Patient's clinical status and interventions provided must meet clinical criteria for observation or inpatient stay.</li> </ul>	<p>These are considered medical admissions and require notification of admission within 24 hours (observation or inpatient). To obtain authorization, a submission of clinical information to support the admission is required by the end of the next business day.</p>