



Subject: Anesthesia for Labor and Delivery

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DESCRIPTION

There is a maximum allowable for anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all OSU Health Plan (OSUHP) benefit plans

DEFINITIONS

Neuraxial analgesia is the most effective and most commonly used therapy for pain relief during labor and delivery.

POLICY

This policy places a cap on the total minutes billed for this service at 270 minutes. This has no effect on base time units or add on codes billed in addition to this code.

PROCEDURE

The third-party administrator (TPA) will allow up to a maximum of 270 minutes for CPT 01967 (18 billed units for 15-minute increments).

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is not required.

EXCLUSIONS

Any minutes billed over the 270-minute maximum are not covered. This is to be written off by the provider.

CODES

Codes covered when the above criteria are met:

CPT Code	DESCRIPTION
01967	Neuraxial labor analgesia/anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery (this includes any repeat subarachnoid needle placement and drug injections and/or any necessary replacement of an epidural catheter during labor).

REFERENCES

American Medical Association, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and associated publications and services.