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### NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE RATE INCREASE

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will increase the fee-for-service maximum allowable rates for certain neonatal and pediatric critical care Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.

The MHD will reprocess claims paid for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017. Please check your future remittance advice statements for rate adjustments.

The procedure codes that received the increase are listed below.

Procedure Code	Description	New Reimbursement
99468	Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger	\$891.49
99469	Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger	\$398.29
99472	Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age	\$302.41
99477	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the neonate, 28 days of age or younger, who requires intensive observation, frequent interventions and other	\$236.20

	intensive care services	
99478	Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant (present body weight less than 1500 grams)	\$107.54
99479	Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering low birth weight infant (present body weight of 1500-2500 grams)	\$97.71
99480	Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering infant (present body weight of 2501-5000 grams)	\$96.03

MHD will reimburse the lesser of either the provider's usual and customary billed charge or the maximum allowable amount for the date of service billed. Providers may not bill MHD at a higher rate than they charge their private pay patients.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**