

NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

The AMO Medical Plan complies with Federal law (the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996) that prohibits restricting benefits for a mother's or newborn child's hospital length of stay because of childbirth to less than 48 hours following a normal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. The AMO Medical Plan does not require a physician to obtain authorization (pre-certification) for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of those periods. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours if applicable).