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To remove administrative burden from our provider partners, in 2019, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky removed notification requirements for **Well Newborns (DRG 795)** during the first 4 days of life for participating providers. Well newborns can stay 4 days post-partum even if the mom is discharged prior to the newborn.

Effective August 1, 2025, if the well newborn (DRG 795) exceeds the 4 days or **if a newborn requires higher level care, regardless of the length of stay, a notification is required within 24 hours following the admission.**

A neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) also known as an intensive care nursery (ICN) specializes in the care of ill or premature newborn infants. ABHKY authorizes NICU facility levels by assignment of an authorized revenue code(s) to a provider for NICU room and board stay. If a NICU facility level is submitted on the UB-04 claim form with a revenue code that is at a higher level of care than the revenue code authorized, the reimbursement for the NICU will be at the level authorized.

NICU levels of Service Revenue Codes

Revenue Code	Level
170	NURSERY Room and Board
171	NURSERY/ LEVEL I Room and Board
172	NURSERY/ LEVEL II Room and Board
173	NURSERY/ LEVEL III Room and Board
174	NURSERY/ LEVEL IV Room and Board
179	NURSERY/OTHER Room and Board

Questions?

Simply contact your Network Relations Manager. Our most current listing is attached, the listing can also be found on our website.