



HealthSystems OF MISSISSIPPI

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Successful Preterm Infant Submission Request Tool

Enhancements to HealthSystems of Mississippi's preterm infant review system now require inclusion of the following specific clinical documentation in order to successfully process provider admission/continued stay review requests.

Birth admission principal diagnosis: Submit a code from the V30.xx series as the principal diagnosis if the review request is for certification of the birth admission, i.e., the infant was born in the hospital during the hospitalization for which review is requested.

Infant's range of gram weight: If an infant is preterm, extremely immature or had slow fetal growth and malnutrition, a code from ICD-9-CM category 764 or 765.0x or 765.1x must be submitted during the admission review. This code indicates the infant's range of gram weight. This information is used by the system when applying the rules for the algorithm.

Weeks of Gestation: Submit a code (765.20 – 765.29 as appropriate) for weeks of gestation only when an infant is preterm, extremely immature or had slow fetal growth and malnutrition. **Additional diagnoses:** Submit codes for other clinical conditions as documented in the record.

Birth weight in grams: The infant's birth weight in grams must be submitted. This information is used in the rules-based system and by HSM's clinical staff when assigning the next review point, i.e., the last day certified.

Current weight in grams: The infant's weight in grams at the time of review is required information. This information is used in the rules-based system and by HSM's clinical staff when assigning the next review point, i.e., the last day certified.

Nursery Level: The current nursery level must be supplied.

Other clinical information: Other clinical information that is pertinent to the infant's need for inpatient hospitalization should be submitted during the review process. Be sure to submit abnormal findings and all associated interventions.

You may contact the Education Department via email at Education@hsom.org or by telephone at 601-360-4961 for additional assistance or HSM's helpline at 601-360-4949 or 866-740-2221.