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## Attention Provider Types 11 and 75: NICU Level of Care Prior Authorization and Billing Instructions

Effective dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, the HP Enterprise Services (HPES) Medical Management team has been given direction from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) to perform Utilization Management (UM) review of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) authorization requests utilizing InterQual levels as follows:

### NURSERY/NICU LEVEL OF CARE

Level of Care/InterQual	UB Revenue Code	UB Level
General LOC/Newborn Nursery	170/171	Level I
InterQual Level I/Transitional Care	172	Level II
InterQual Level II	173	Level III
InterQual Level III & IV	174	Level IV

The [Billing Guides](#) for provider types 11 (Hospital, Inpatient) and 75 (Critical Access Hospital) have been updated with the prior authorization (PA) submission and billing instructions for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Level of Care.

Providers who received denials on PA requests for NICU with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, who feel the decision would have been different per the information in this web announcement may submit a reconsideration. Any NICU prior authorizations that were approved prior to this publication, with dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, and the provider believes would now meet an alternate revenue code as a result of this billing instruction change, may be submitted and will be reviewed at the alternate level.

**Effective January 28, 2015, the Provider Web Portal has been updated to display the InterQual Level that corresponds to the revenue code per the above table.**