

ALERE LEVEL OF CARE CRITERIA

NICU – Revenue Code 174

1. Ventilator/Intubated
2. Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) / Nitric Oxide (NO)
3. Any nasal flow delivered at > 2 lpm. For infants < 1kg, any nasal flow delivered at > 1 lpm.
4. Chest Tube
5. Exchange transfusion, dialysis
6. IV bolus or continuous drip therapy for severe physiologic/metabolic instability
7. Apnea/bradycardia > 10 day all requiring tactile stimulation or any episodes requiring Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV)
8. Unstable vital signs requiring therapy or conditions requiring frequent Vital Signs. (Medical Director consultation required prior to assignment).

TRANSITIONAL – Revenue Code 173

1. Isolette/Warmer for thermoregulation
2. Static ↓ oxygen requirement via nasal cannula (less than or equal to 2 lpm or hood)
3. Enteral nutrition delivered by methods other than p.o.
4. Intravenous fluids/blood transfusion
5. Initial sepsis evaluation (CBC, blood culture and treatment in an asymptomatic patient on the first day of evaluation)
6. Apnea/bradycardia not meeting criteria in NICU level of care
7. Neonatal abstinence syndrome when (NAS) score are: greater than or equal to 8 on three consecutive scores or greater than or equal to 12 on two consecutive scores. (Medical Director consult required prior to assignment)

CONVALESCENT – Revenue Code 172

1. Phototherapy – intensive (double phototherapy or greater)
2. IV hepllock meds
3. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome when (NAS) scores are < 8
4. No Apnea/Bradycardia (greater than 48 hours since last episode, and otherwise meeting detained Level of Care I criteria.)
5. Diagnostic work-up/surveillance, otherwise stable using >1 consultant and/or diagnostic test.
6. Temperature instability
7. Advancing to full volume feeds
8. Stable with sub-optimal PO
9. Apnea countdown
10. Post hemorrhagic hydrocephalus

11. Growing preemie
12. Growing preemie who is stable except O₂ with feeds

DETAINED/NORMAL – Revenue Code 171

1. Diagnostic work-up/surveillance otherwise stable using 1 consultant or diagnostic test
2. Routine well baby care
3. Phototherapy (single source phototherapy)

Neonatal level of care determinations are subject to interpretation by the Alere Care Manager and Medical Director. The hospital representative has the right to discuss a determination with the Alere Care Manager and/or Medical Director and is provided the right to appeal levels of care assigned.