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601 Definitions

(A) Freestanding Birth Center. A health facility not operated under a hospital license that is licensed by the Department of Public Health (DPH) as a birth center, pursuant to 105 CMR 140.000: *Licensure of Clinics*. A freestanding birth center does not include individual or group-practice offices.

(B) Low-risk Pregnancy. A normal, uncomplicated prenatal course as determined by documentation of adequate prenatal care and the anticipation of a normal, uncomplicated labor and birth, as defined by reasonable and generally accepted criteria adopted by professional groups for maternal, fetal, and neonatal health care.

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Service

Code Service Description

59400-TC Routine obstetric care including antepartum care, vaginal delivery (with or without episiotomy, and/or forceps) and postpartum care (payment for the mother’s length of stay for an all-inclusive global facility obstetrical service without use of forceps)

99460-TC Initial hospital or birthing center care, per day, for evaluation and management of normal newborn infant (all-inclusive global facility payment for newborn’s length of stay)

S4005 Interim labor facility global (labor occurring but not resulting in delivery) (global facility payment for prepartum services when delivery occurs at another facility)

603 Modifiers

The following service code modifiers are allowed for billing under MassHealth.

Modifier Modifier Description

TC Technical component