WAC 182-531-0900 Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) physician-related services. (1) The department pays the physician directing the care of a neonate or infant in an NICU, for NICU services.

(2) NICU services include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Patient management;
(b) Monitoring and treatment of the neonate, including nutritional, metabolic and hematologic maintenance;
(c) Parent counseling; and
(d) Personal direct supervision by the health care team of activities required for diagnosis, treatment, and supportive care of the patient.

(3) Payment for NICU care begins with the date of admission to the NICU.

(4) The department reimburses a provider for only one NICU service per client, per day.

(5) A provider may bill for NICU services in addition to prolonged services and newborn resuscitation when the provider is present at the delivery.

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