

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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