



**Subject: Anesthesia for Labor & Delivery**

**Effective Date: 7/2013**

## **POLICY**

There is a maximum allowable for anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery.

## **DEFINITIONS**

CPT 01967 Neuraxial labor analgesia/anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery (this includes any repeat subarachnoid needle placement and drug injections and/or any necessary replacement of an epidural catheter during labor).

## **APPLICABILITY**

This payment policy applies to all medical plans.

## **RATIONALE**

This policy places a cap on the total minutes billed for this service at 270 minutes. This has no effect on base time units or add on codes billed in addition to this code.

## **PROCEDURE**

Any minutes billed over 270 are not covered and are to be written off by the provider.

## **RESOURCES**

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT®) and associated publications and services.