

# Prior Authorization Requirement Changes – Obstetrical Labor with Delivery

Molina Healthcare of Texas is updating the prior authorization requirements for Medicaid Obstetrical Labor with Delivery services.

Effective February 1, 2024, the following STAR and STAR+PLUS inpatient admissions related to Labor and Delivery will **no longer** require prior authorization:

- 3-day inpatient stay for vaginal delivery
- Up to 5-day inpatient stay for cesarean delivery

Beginning February 1, 2024, providers can submit STAR and STAR+PLUS claims for obstetrical labor with delivery for payment without an authorization.

Hospital stays related to labor and delivery that extend past the timeframe listed above will require prior authorization and supporting clinical documentation to ensure claims payment.

If you have questions regarding this change, please contact your Provider Relations Representative or email

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