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MATERNAL SERVICES

(Scope)

TITLE: PARENTS CARING FOR BOARDER BABIES

PURPOSE: To outline procedure for parents to care for a boarder baby.

SUPPORTIVE DATE: When a baby must remain in the hospital after mom is discharged, the mother of the baby will be provided with a means of staying on the unit to feed and bond with the infant.

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:

KEY POINTS:

1. Assess the parents' need and options for spending time with the baby and assess available space on the unit. Discuss with mother her wishes regarding her staying here versus going home and returning periodically to feed and visit with the baby.

2. Discharge mother as per healthcare provider's orders.

3. Instruct the parents not to remove their matching identification bracelets or the baby's HUGS security bands until the baby is discharged.

4. Parents may stay with the baby 24 hours a day. A sleeper chair will be provided or mother may use the non-stress room and recliner.

5. If the mother elects to stay on the unit after she has been discharged and exited, she no longer falls under the scope of inpatient care, but is a guest in the facility.

6. Patient may receive a guest tray. Phone and TV Service remain.

Discharge mother from Cerner system.

Mother is to Keep KISSES security band and numbered ID band matching infants on until infant is discharged.

Unit census determines availability of room.

The mother may go home and come back ad lib.

Inform Dietary Hostess that a guest tray will be needed.