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NEWBORN SERVICES
(Scope)

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION OF PEDIATRIC TREATMENT PERMIT

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to obtain legal authorization for the physician to care for the newborn.

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE STEPS:

KEY POINTS:

1. The Authorization of Pediatric Treatment which defines which pediatrician will be caring for the newborn is obtained by the nurse at the time of the mother's admission. The mother should sign the form. RN should sign as witness.

To assure the parents that no treatment is being done without this consent. Mother's consent is necessary because there is no established parentage of the father/support person. This Authorization is found on reverse side of Apgar sheet.

A pregnant woman who is a minor shall be deemed to have the same legal capacity to act, and shall have the same powers and obligations as a person of legal age.

2. The Authorization for Treatment must be obtained before a physician may examine the newborn. This should be done prior to delivery.
3. If the patient does not use an HRMC Pediatrician, they may choose one for hospital care or use the on-call pediatrician for the month.

Authorization is for the protection of the newborn and of the physician.

Special consideration should be given to Pediatrician participation in patient's insurance plan.

REFERENCE: HCH Hospital Standards Manual XL1. (p. 95)