



**Subject:** Anesthesia for Labor and Delivery

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## DESCRIPTION

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

## APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all OSU Health Plan (OSUHP) benefit plans

## DEFINITIONS

Neuraxial analgesia is the most effective and most commonly used therapy for pain relief during labor and delivery.

## POLICY

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

The third-party administrator (TPA) will allow up to a maximum of 270 minutes for CPT 01967 (18 billed units for 15-minute increments).

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is not required.

## EXCLUSIONS

Any minutes billed over the 270-minute maximum are not covered. This is to be written off by the provider.

## CODES

Codes covered when the above criteria are met:

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
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).

## REFERENCES

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