

## CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

**CHAPTER:** 2  
**SECTION:** 14.11  
**TITLE:** HOSPITAL-BASED BIRTHING ROOM

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**RELATED AUTHORITY:** 32 CFR 199.4(e)(16)

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### I. EFFECTIVE DATE

May 23, 1988

### II. POLICY

Childbirth service provided in a hospital-based outpatient birthing room for an expected normal delivery shall be cost-shared as ambulatory surgery.

### III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Maternity care for a normal, uncomplicated pregnancy related to a planned childbirth in a hospital-based outpatient birthing room is cost-shared as ambulatory surgery.

B. The hospital-based outpatient birthing room services and related maternity care are to be considered one episode of maternity care for adjudication.

**\*END OF POLICY\***