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Statement of Endorsement – Perinatal Level of Care Guidelines

The Michigan Department of Community Health convened a Perinatal Level of Care Guidelines Committee in March 2013. The purpose was to update existing Michigan Perinatal Level of Care Guidelines and develop a process for review and revision. On April 1, 2013, the Committee unanimously endorsed the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (ACOG) revised national perinatal level of care guidelines and expanded classification system. The expanded classification system includes: Level I basic care and well newborn nursery; Level II specialty care and special care nursery; Level III subspecialty and neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and Level IV regional subspecialty perinatal health care center with a regional NICU.

History and Background

In 2009 the Michigan legislature asked the department to convene appropriate stakeholders to determine the efficacy and impact of restoring a statewide coordinated regional perinatal system in Michigan. On April 1, 2009, the department, in collaboration with Michigan neonatal, obstetric and pediatric stakeholders submitted *Perinatal Regionalization: Implications for Michigan* to the legislature. The report concluded that creating a system for regionalized perinatal care is an approach consistent with evidence-based guidelines promulgated by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG). The approach ensures that hospitals and NICUs operate within appropriate, clearly defined level of care designations and ensures collaboration among regional entities providing services to women, neonates/infants and families.

The level of care guidelines reaffirms the provision of risk-appropriate care for maternal/fetal and newborn infants and the need for consistent standards of service within a statewide coordinated perinatal system of care. As Michigan’s Chief Medical Executive, I fully support the Perinatal Level of Care Guidelines Committee’s recommendation and endorse AAP’s Levels of Neonatal Care¹ and AAP/ACOG Perinatal Level of Care Guidelines, 7th edition².

Endorsed by

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This statement of endorsement will automatically expire five years from the above date unless reaffirmed, revised or retired at or before that time.

¹American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Fetus and Newborn (2012). Policy Statement: Levels of Neonatal Care. *Pediatrics* Vol 130 No 3, pp 587-597. doi: 10.1542/peds.2012-1999. Available: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/130/3/587.full.html>

²American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2012). *Guidelines for Perinatal Care* (7th Ed).