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WBH EMPLOYEE

Upon encountering a parent who wishes to surrender their newborn, the hospital employee will take the newborn to the EC triage area. Ask the parent to accompany the newborn. The newborn should be given to the triage nurse for initial assessment. At the EC triage area, obtain a Safe Surrender of Newborn packet or you may access information on the State Safe Delivery website at www.michigan.gov/dhs. Make a reasonable effort to provide the parent with the envelope inside the packet containing information about their rights.

TRIAGE NURSE ACTION

The Triage nurse will make a reasonable effort to inform the parent that as a result of leaving his/her newborn at this hospital the newborn will be released to a child-placing agency for adoption. Inform the parent that he/she has 28 days to petition the court and attempt to regain custody. Make a reasonable effort to provide the parent received the written material contained in the safe surrender packet. Ask the parent if he/she is willing to identify him/herself and/or provide relevant family or medical information. If the parent agrees to provide information, complete the parent and medical information sheet. Inform the parent that the information he/she provides will not be made public. Inform him/her that in order to place the newborn for adoption, the state is required to attempt to identify the other parent. Ask the parent to identify the other parent.

Medical care and counseling should be offered to any mother who surrenders her newborn. Inform the parent that the child-placing agency that takes temporary protective custody of the newborn can provide confidential services to the parent. Inform the parent (if not a minor) that he/she may sign a release for the newborn. The form may be used at the parental rights termination hearing, and documents their intent for the newborn to be released to a child-placing (adoption) agency.

Contact Social Work:

At Royal Oak, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm at 248-898-7595. After hours, weekends and holidays, the on-call social worker/manager can be accessed through the hospital operator.

At Troy, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm at 248-964-8916 Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-11:00pm, call hospital operator to page Social Work. All other times notify Nursing Administration.

At Grosse Pointe, Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm at 313-473-1781. After hours, call the Nursing Coordinator through the hospital operator.

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Contact Corporate Communications and Hospital Administration:

At Royal Oak, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm Corporate Communications 248-551-0740 and, Hospital Administration 248-898-5421. After hours, weekends and holidays, Hospital Administration and Corporate Communications can be accessed through the hospital administrative supervisor.

At Troy, Hospital Administration: 7:30am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday, 248-964-8800; **Corporate Communications**: 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Thursday, 248-964-2100; 8:00am-4:30pm, Friday

At Grosse Pointe, Hospital Administration: 313-473-1962; Corporate Communications: 313-473 1587.

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The EC physician should perform a physical examination of the newborn. An attempt should be made to determine if the newborn appears greater than 72 hours of age.

If the newborn appears older than 72 hours of age and/or there is a reasonable suspicion of child abuse/neglect initiate the child abuse policy and notify Children's Protective Services. Signs of child abuse/neglect (other than being surrendered) should be noted.

(GP only) If the newborn requires immediate medical attention, he/she will be taken into the EC where appropriate care will be provided. The pediatric affiliate & a Family Birth Center nursery nurse will be called to the area to stabilize the newborn for transport to the Family Birth Center nursery. In the case of the newborn receiving medical care in the EC, the admission process will begin in the EC. If the newborn requires care not available at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, he/she will be transferred to the appropriate NICU at Royal Oak (248) 898-5398.

EC NURSE ACTION

At Royal Oak: as soon as possible after the EC physician evaluation, call the charge nurse for NICU x83295 who will arrange for admission. The NICU charge nurse will notify the resident physician covering the nursery. Admit the newborn to the Newborn Nursery or NICU dependent upon health status. The newborn may alternatively be admitted to Pediatrics or the PICU if necessary.

At Troy: as soon as possible after the emergency center physician evaluation, call the charge nurse for NICU x43992 who will arrange for admission. The NICU charge nurse will notify the physician covering the nursery. Admit the newborn to the Nursery or NICU dependent upon health status. The newborn may alternatively be admitted to Pediatrics.

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At Grosse Pointe: call the Family Birth Center. They will transport the newborn to the Family Birth Center nursery. The admission process will begin when the newborn arrives in the nursery.

EC REGISTRATION ACTION

The EC registration personnel will register the newborn as “Baby John or Jane Doe” and as self/private pay. Following admission, a WBH financial representative will apply for Medicaid for the newborn.

Newborns Delivered within the Hospital:

A mother who delivers a baby within the hospital and leaves the newborn with an emergency service provider without expressing intent to return would constitute an example of a newborn surrendered under this policy. A reasonable effort should be made to provide the mother with the written information regarding their rights contained in the Safe Surrender packet. Contact Legal Affairs for clarification about specific situations and whether they meet the guidelines of this policy. When surrender occurs in the nursery, the remainder of this policy applies with the following exceptions: The infant is not taken to the EC and the physical examination occurs within the Newborn Nursery.

SOCIAL WORK ACTION

Activate the child abuse policy if indicated. The social worker will contact a child-placing agency to inform them that a newborn has been taken into temporary protective custody. The social worker will liaison with the agency regarding any information obtained and for disposition of the newborn. In the event a parent should contact the hospital expressing a desire to reclaim the newborn or requesting to visit the newborn he/she should be directed to The Oakland County Court-Family Division 248-858-0260; Macomb County Court Family Division 586-469-5204; Wayne County Court Family Division 313-833-7125.

RECEIPT OF INFANT FROM POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT: ESP (EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER)

The Triage nurse should obtain from the ESP any information the ESP has received from the surrendering party. The newborn is examined. (see above) The newborn is admitted and Social Work is consulted (follow policy for EC nurse action and social work action above).

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