

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



SUBJECT: PERINATAL MEDICINE SERVICES

POLICY NO. 251

PURPOSE:: To provide those services which promote the birth of a healthy infant to a healthy woman, with the greatest opportunity for optimal emotional, mental, and physical development.

POLICY:: The following elements will be part of the Department's program in providing perinatal medical services to residents of the County:

1. Education of the community on the medical, nutritional, and psychosocial needs of the pregnant and potentially pregnant woman.
2. Early detection of pregnancy.
3. Early and continuous assessment of each pregnancy for high risk conditions, with timely provision of appropriate intervention in the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum states.
4. Retention of the delivered patient in the health maintenance system.

AUTHORITY:: California Welfare & Institution Code
California Health & Safety Code

EFFECTIVE DATE: Nov 24, 1975

SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
