

Behaviors for Skilled Attendance

SKILLED PROVIDER IDEAL BEHAVIORS

Facility-Based Skilled Providers:

- Provide timely, quality routine obstetric care according to standards and protocols
- Maintain emergency readiness
- Provide timely, quality emergency care 24/7 according to standards and protocols
- Provide accurate and complete follow-up counseling to the family on discharge from facility
- Provide care in a manner that respects the dignity and rights of the woman and family
- Provide early postpartum care (outpatient or home based)
- Support community-developed solutions to identified access barriers

Community-Based Skilled Providers

- Accept, utilize, and promote “link care provider”
- Assist in household plan for birth preparedness
- Provide timely, quality routine obstetric care according to standards and protocols
- Provide timely, quality emergency care according to standards and protocols
- Make referral to facility with CEmOC capacity when required
- Provide focused antenatal care according to standards and protocols
- Provide accurate, complete information, education and counseling to women and families as required
- Provide care in a manner that respects the dignity and rights of the woman and family
- Make home visit to provide early postpartum care

TBA IDEAL BEHAVIORS

- Provide social support and anticipatory guidance during pregnancy, birth and early postpartum to women in the community.
- Actively participate as part of the maternal care team during pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum period (first week after birth) along with a skilled provider whenever possible.
- Function as a “link care provider”- link women and families to the closest source of skilled obstetric care.
- When attending a birth without skilled attendant present, recognize complications during birth and early postpartum and influence family to seek timely care from the closest skilled attendant.

- Accompany women and families with obstetric complications to the nearest skilled provider, and actively participate in their home-based follow-up care.
- Assist in community dissemination and acceptance of “link behaviors” and “link care providers”.

WRA/PREGNANT WOMEN/MOTHER IDEAL BEHAVIORS

- Actively participate in household birth preparedness activities
- Initiate/participate in dialogue with family members about all aspects of advance planning for skilled attendance (see sub-behaviors)
- Seek/receive timely, appropriate obstetric care from skilled provider
- Seek/receive timely appropriate emergency obstetric care from skilled provider
- Seek/receive timely, appropriate early postpartum care (first 1-2 weeks after birth) from skilled provider
- Seek/receive focused antenatal care from skilled provider (emphasis on anemia/pre-eclampsia/birth preparedness)
- Accept, utilize, and promote “link care provider”

EFFI IDEAL BEHAVIORS

- Provide social support and anticipatory guidance during pregnancy, birth and early postpartum to women in the community
- Actively encourage and participate in household dialogue with other family influentials and peers regarding:
 - birth preparedness,
 - timely use of skilled care for normal births,
 - timely use of skilled care for obstetric complications and emergencies,
 - early postpartum care use (first 1-2 weeks after birth)
- Participate in the development of household solutions as part of the maternal care team during pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum period (first 1-2 weeks after birth) along with a skilled provider whenever possible,
- Accept and promote among family and peers in her community the proposed “link care provider”- to link women and families to the closest source of skilled obstetric care

- When participating in a birth without skilled attendant present, recognize complications during birth and early postpartum and influence other family influentials (husband) and TBA to seek timely care from the closest skilled attendant

HUSBAND IDEAL BEHAVIORS

- Provide social support during pregnancy, birth and early postpartum to wife/pregnant woman in household
- Actively participate in household dialogue with other family influentials, and peers regarding:
 - birth preparedness,
 - timely use of skilled care for normal births,
 - timely use of skilled care for obstetric complications and emergencies,
 - early postpartum care use (first week and 2 weeks after birth)
- Participate in the development of household solutions as part of the maternal care team during pregnancy, birth, and early postpartum period (first week after birth), particularly financial, transport and timely “permission to seek skilled care” authorization (gatekeeper)
- Accept the proposed role of “link care provider”- to link women and families to the closest source of skilled obstetric care
- Provide appropriate assistance to support the woman to reach skilled care when complications are recognized during birth and early postpartum.

COMMUNITY LEADERS IDEAL BEHAVIORS

- Provide social support and anticipatory guidance during pregnancy, birth and early postpartum for the use of household birth preparedness plan.
- Function as a “link support person”- to assist in linking women and families to the closest source of skilled obstetric care.
- Assist in community dissemination and acceptance of “link behaviors” and “link care providers”.
- Have a designated person maintain an on-going list of women from the village who have died from obstetric complications.
- Participate in a pregnancy monitoring system which tracks the woman from pregnancy to the end of the post-partum period.