

(AP) At 13 pounds, 13 ounces, Asher Stewardson was even bigger than his brother at birth. Asher was delivered without the aid of surgery on Thursday at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. Fifteen months ago, his brother, Judah, arrived weighing 12 pounds and an ounce at birth. Mercy officials say only a tenth of 1 percent of all newborns weigh more than 11 pounds at birth. The boys' mother, Kendall, Stewardson, endured six hours of labor without an epidural injection. She says she and her husband, Joshua, wanted to avoid cesarean delivery because that wouldn't have been good for her or Asher.