

3701-83-37 Admission; discharge; transfer - freestanding birthing centers.

- (A) Each freestanding birthing center shall establish policies and procedures for the assessment of expectant mothers to determine:
 - (1) If the expectant mother meets the low-risk requirements for admission to the center; and
 - (2) If a normal, full term, spontaneous vaginal birth is anticipated.
- (B) Each center shall establish and follow admission policies and procedures. The center shall upon admission of a patient:
 - (1) Review the patient's health records;
 - (2) Observe and document vital signs;
 - (3) Observe and document labor progress; and
 - (4) Determine whether diagnostic or screening procedures are required.
- (C) Each center shall have a written transfer agreement with a hospital, health care provider, or other appropriate health care setting for the transfer of a mother or a newborn in the event of medical complications, emergency situations, or as the need arises.
- (D) Each center shall maintain all necessary and appropriate medical equipment and a sufficient staff to provide for the timely transfer and transport to a hospital, health care provider, or appropriate health care setting.
- (E) Each center shall evaluate each expectant mother to determine whether an intrapartum transfer is necessary. The evaluation shall include an assessment of the following:
 - (1) Abnormal progress of labor;
 - (2) Development of maternal complications;
 - (3) Need for cesarean birth; and
 - (4) Development of fetal complications.
- (F) Each center shall evaluate each mother and newborn to determine whether a postpartum transfer is necessary including evaluation of the following:
 - (1) Medical complications of the mother; and
 - (2) Medical complications of the newborn.
- (G) Each center shall establish and follow discharge criteria utilizing nationally recognized standards. Prior to discharge each center shall identify a primary care provider for both mother and baby. For postpartum stays less than forty-eight hours, each center shall provide or arrange for the examination of the mother and newborn within seventy-two hours after discharge by a licensed health care provider

acting within his or her scope of practice.

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