

3701-83-42 Quality assessment and performance improvement - freestanding birthing centers.

- (A) As part of the quality assessment and performance improvement program required under rule 3701-83-12 of the Administrative Code, each freestanding birthing center shall evaluate the provision of services to the mothers and newborns who receive care from the center. The evaluation shall, at a minimum, include:
- (1) Development and evaluation of risk criteria for determining eligibility for admission to and the continuation of care for a mother and newborn in the birth center program of care;
 - (2) Documentation and review of complications and adverse events which arise during the provision of the center's services including complications of pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period;
 - (3) Review and evaluation of the management of care;
 - (4) Evaluation of the appropriateness of diagnostic and screening procedures including laboratory studies, sonography, and non-stress tests;
 - (5) Evaluation of the appropriateness of medications prescribed, dispensed or administered in the center;
 - (6) Review of all transfers of mothers and newborn to a hospital, health care provider, or other health care setting to determine the appropriateness and quality of each transfer;
 - (7) Development of discharge criteria for mother and the newborn patients served by the center;
 - (8) Regular review of medical records including a review of legibility and completeness;
 - (9) Annual review of all protocols, policies and procedures relating to maternal and newborn care provided by the center;
 - (10) Review of the maternal and newborn assessment procedures as they impact on quality of care and cost to the patient;
 - (11) Review of the provision of emergency services including services listed in paragraph (C) of rule 3701-83-34 of the Administrative Code; and
 - (12) Evaluation of the center's compliance with local, state, and federal requirements and national standards of care related to the provision of care to mothers and newborns.
- (B) As part of the quality assessment and performance improvement program required under paragraph (A) of rule 3701-83-12 of the Administrative Code, each freestanding birth center shall report to the director:
- (1) The total number of women who delivered;
 - (2) The total number of live births by weight, in grams;

- (3) The total number of fetal deaths;
- (4) The total number of neonatal deaths;
- (5) The total number of maternal deaths;
- (6) The total number of emergency cesarean-sections performed including:
 - (a) The total number of primary cesarean-sections, and
 - (b) The total number of repeat cesarean-section;
- (7) The total number of attempted vaginal births after a previous cesarean-section and the total number of successful vaginal births after a cesarean-section;
- (8) The total number of newborns whose estimated gestational age is less than thirty-seven weeks, and the total number of newborns whose estimated gestational age is greater than forty-two weeks;
- (9) The total number of maternal transfers to an obstetric and newborn care service including:
 - (a) The total number of transfers prior to delivery, and
 - (b) The total number of transfers after delivery;
- (10) The total number of patients seeking admission and the total number of patients admitted.

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