

**3701-83-40      Equipment standards - freestanding birthing centers.**

- (A) Each freestanding birthing center shall have a readily accessible and securely stored emergency cart or tray for the newborn, equipped in accordance with national standards of care or guidelines, to carry out the written emergency procedures established by the center.
- (B) Each center shall have a readily accessible and securely stored emergency cart or tray for the resuscitation of the mother, equipped in accordance with national standards of care or guidelines, to carry out the written emergency procedures of the center.
- (C) Each center shall designate an area for the maternal and newborn emergency equipment and supplies that shall be immediately accessible to any room in which a birth may occur, but out of the direct line of traffic within the facility.
- (D) Each center shall develop and implement an equipment preventive maintenance and repair program in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. The center shall maintain records of equipment performance, maintenance and malfunctions for the lifetime of the equipment's use at the center and a minimum of three years following the decommissioning or discontinuation of use of any piece of equipment.

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