

3701-83-34

General provisions - freestanding birthing centers.

- (A) Freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing centers are licensed to provide care during pregnancy, birth, and the immediate postpartum period to the low-risk expectant mother and her newborn. Each center shall admit and retain only low-risk expectant mothers anticipating a normal full-term, spontaneous vaginal birth.
- (B) Freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing centers shall consult with the attending physician or the CNM in consultation with the physician prior to providing services to low-risk expectant mothers exhibiting evidence of the following:
- (1) Previous low transverse cesarean birth;
 - (2) Previous postpartum hemorrhage requiring treatment by transfusion;
 - (3) Epilepsy or seizures controlled by medication;
 - (4) Postmaturity (greater than forty-two weeks gestation);
 - (5) Grand multiparity;
 - (6) No prenatal care, sporadic prenatal care, or prenatal care beginning after the first trimester;
 - (7) Known or suspected drug or alcohol use;
 - (8) Cephalopelvic disproportion; or
 - (9) Other medical conditions, except those listed in paragraph (E) of rule 3701-83-33 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Unless medical intervention or non-routine technology can be safely performed or administered by an attending physician at the freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing center, each freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing center shall transfer a patient requiring medical intervention or non-routine technology to a hospital or other appropriate health care setting that can meet the patient's needs. Medical intervention or non-routine technology includes:
- (1) Anesthetics other than local anesthetics or pudendal;
 - (2) Pharmacological augmentation of labor; ~~and~~or

- (3) Forceps or vacuum extraction.
- (D) If an attending physician at a freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing center performs or administers any medical intervention or non-routine technology under paragraph (C) of this rule, the attending physician must remain with the patient throughout active labor and the immediate postpartum period.
- (E) Each freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing center shall provide a home-like environment with adequate space for furnishings, equipment and supplies to provide comfortable accommodations for the number of patients and families served and the personnel providing services.
- (F) In addition to the requirements established under paragraph (F) of rule 3701-83-09 of the Administrative Code, each freestanding ~~birth~~ birthing center shall establish and enforce written policies and procedures for the following:
- (1) Infection control for patients and families; and
 - (2) Handwashing for patients and families.