Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Birth Centers

28-4-1300. Definitions.

For the purposes of K.A.R. 28-4-1300 through K.A.R. 28-4-1318, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this regulation:

(a) "Apgar scores" means a measure of a newborn's physical condition at one, five, and 10 minutes after birth.

(b) "Applicant" means a person who has applied for a license but who has not yet been granted a license to operate a birth center. This term shall include an applicant who has been granted a temporary permit to operate a birth center.

(c) "Birthing room" means a room designed, equipped, and arranged to provide for the care of a patient, a newborn, and the patient's support person or persons during and following childbirth.

(d) "Certified midwife" means an individual who is educated in the discipline of midwifery and who is currently certified by the American college of nurse-midwives or the American midwifery certification board, inc.

(e) "Certified nurse-midwife" means an individual who meets the following requirements:

(1) Is educated in the two disciplines of nursing and midwifery;

(2) is currently certified by the American college of nurse-midwives or the American midwifery certification board, inc; and

(3) has a current nursing license in Kansas.

(f) "Certified professional midwife" means an individual who is educated in the discipline of midwifery and who is currently certified by the North American registry of midwives.

(g) "Clinical director" means an individual who is appointed by the licensee and is responsible for the direction and oversight of clinical services at a birth center as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-1305.

(h) "Clinical staff member" means an individual employed by or serving as a consultant to the birth center who is one of the following:

(1) The clinical director or acting clinical director;

(2) a licensed physician;

(3) a certified nurse-midwife;

(4) a certified professional midwife;

(5) a certified midwife; or

(6) a registered professional nurse.

(i) "Department" means Kansas department of health and environment.

(j) "Exception" means a waiver of an applicant's or a licensee's compliance with a specific birth center regulation or any portion of a specific birth center regulation, granted by the secretary to the applicant or licensee.

(k) "License capacity" means the maximum number of patients that can be cared for in a birth center during labor, delivery, and recovery.

(l) "Licensee" means a person who has been granted a license to operate a birth center.

(m) "Maternity center" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 65-502, and amendments thereto, and may also be referred to as a "birth center."

(n) "Normal, uncomplicated delivery" means a delivery that results in a vaginal birth and that does not require the use of general, spinal, or epidural anesthesia.

(o) "Normal, uncomplicated pregnancy" means a pregnancy that is initially determined to be at a low risk for a poor pregnancy outcome and that remains at a low risk throughout the pregnancy.

(p) "Patient" means a woman who has been accepted for services at a birth center during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and recovery.

(q) "Poor pregnancy outcome" means any outcome other than a live, healthy patient and newborn.

(r) "Premises" means the location, including each building and any adjoining grounds, of a birth center.

(s) "Secretary" means secretary of the Kansas department of health and environment.

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