Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Birth Centers

28-4-1314. Birth center and birthing room furnishings, equipment, and supplies.

(a) Each licensee shall provide furnishings, equipment, and other supplies in the quantity necessary to meet the needs of patients, newborns, and employees and to provide a safe, home-like environment.

(b) Each licensee shall provide the specialized furnishings, equipment, and supplies necessary for the clinical staff members to perform the clinical services offered by the birth center. No specialized clinical services shall be provided unless the birth center is equipped to allow the clinical staff members to safely perform those services.

(c) All furnishings, equipment, and supplies shall be kept clean and free from safety hazards.

(d) The furnishings shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) A bed or table for delivery;

(2) at least one chair; and

(3) a wall clock with a second hand.

(e) The equipment and supplies shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An examination light;

(2) a sphygmomanometer;

(3) a stethoscope;

(4) a doppler unit or fetoscope;

(5) a clinical thermometer;

(6) disposable nonporous gloves in assorted sizes;

(7) an infant scale;

(8) a mechanical suction device or a bulb suction device;

(9) a tank of oxygen with a flowmeter and a mask, a cannula, or an equivalent;

(10) all necessary emergency medications and intravenous fluids with supplies and equipment for administration;

(11) resuscitation equipment for patients and newborns, which shall include resuscitation bags and oral airways;

(12) a laryngoscope and a supply of endotracheal tubes of assorted sizes appropriate for a newborn;

(13) a firm surface suitable for resuscitation;

(14) sterilized instruments for delivery, episiotomy, and repair of an episiotomy or a laceration;

(15) an infant warmer that provides radiant heat;

(16) a readily accessible emergency cart or tray for the patient and for the newborn that meets the following requirements:

(A) Is equipped for the clinical staff members to carry out the written emergency procedures of the birth center;

(B) is securely placed; and

(C) has a written log of routine maintenance;

(17) clean bed linens and towels; and

(18) emergency lighting.

(f) All equipment, furnishings, and supplies shall be used as intended and shall be securely stored when not in use to prevent injury or misuse.

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