Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Group Boarding Homes and Residential Centers for Children and Youth.

28-4-280. Residential services to mothers and infants.

Each maternity home or residential facility which provides residential services to mothers and infants after delivery shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Physical plant.

(1) A maximum of five mothers and infants shall be served.

(2) The mother/infant unit shall be separate from units serving pregnant and nonpregnant residents.

(3) A nursery shall be provided.

(A) The nursery shall have adequate space and equipment for the number and age of infants in care.

(B) Age-appropriate toys and play equipment shall be available.

(4) Rooming-in may be allowed if it is determined to be in the best interest of the newborn as documented in the resident's social service plan.

(5) A quiet area shall be provided for infant feeding.

(6) Laundry facilities shall be readily available.

(7) There shall be facilities for the safe preparation and storage of formula.

(8) The environment shall be free of substances potentially hazardous to mother and infant.

(b) Parenting education.

(1) Techniques of care of the newborn shall be taught on an individual basis.

(2) Residents shall be provided instruction in child development and child care, infant development and stimulation, first aid, and infant nutrition by the agency or through community resources.

(c) Policies.

(1) There shall be written policies which specify:

(A) The length of time the mother may remain in the unit;

(B) prohibition against the assumption of child care responsibilities by any resident other than the mother of the newborn; and

(C) substitute child care arrangements when the mother is ill or otherwise away from her newborn.

(d) Services.

(1) The facility shall contract with a pediatrician to supervise the health care of the infants in the unit.

(2) There shall be casework services as outlined in KAR 28-4-279(a)(14).

(3) Staff shall be trained in the use of monitors and infant CPR.

(e) Records. The following records shall be maintained for each mother/infant:

(1) Medical consent;

(2) health care instructions; and

(3) infant medical record.

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