

R432-550-15. Clinical Staff and Personnel.

(1) A physician applying for privileges at the birthing center must maintain admitting privileges at a general hospital within 30 minutes travel distance of the birthing center.

(2) A certified nurse-midwife applying for privileges must provide evidence of, and maintain, a collaborative relationship with a back-up physician to include at least a written and signed agreement approved by the clinical director. Written agreements a certified nurse-midwife establishes with a back-up physician shall include at least the following:

(a) documentation that the back-up physician agrees to accept consultation calls and referrals from the certified nurse-midwife 24 hours a day;

(b) documentation that the back-up physician has admitting privileges at a general acute hospital within 30 minutes travel distance of the birthing center;

(c) provisions to ensure adequate and timely services by the back-up physician.

(3) Information identifying current clinical staff, back-up physicians and on-call and emergency telephone numbers shall be readily available to birthing center personnel.

(4) Clinical staff and licensed personnel of the birthing center shall be trained in emergency and resuscitation measures for infants and adults, including but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification through an American Heart Association or American Red Cross approved course.

(5) A physician or certified nurse-midwife shall be present at each birth and remain until the maternal patient and newborn are stable postpartum.

(6) A second employee who is licensed or certified to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be present at each birth.

(7) Clinical staff, licensed personnel and support staff shall be provided to meet patients' needs, to ensure patients' safety and to ensure that patients in active labor are attended.