**Section 640.80 Regional Perinatal Networks – Composition and Funding**

a) Regional Perinatal Networks, as defined in Section 640.20, may include any number and combination of hospitals providing maternity and newborn services at one of the levels of perinatal care, according to policies and practices described in their letters of agreement. Where more than one Level III hospital provides services within a Regional Perinatal Network, a letter of agreement with the APC shall describe how each will participate in the provision of services included in Section 640.40 of this Part. Regional Perinatal Networks may also include other agencies, institutions and individuals providing a complete range of perinatal health services, including preconceptional, prenatal, perinatal and family follow-up care services, as part of the regional network.

b) The Department will allocate funds for perinatal health services provided through Regional Perinatal Networks.

1) Funds will be awarded to Regional Perinatal Networks under the following mechanisms:

A) The Department will provide grants to designated APCs responsible for the administration and implementation of the Department's regionalized perinatal health care program. Under this option, the APC is the applicant for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Project funds and will apply as specified in the Department of Human Services’ Maternal and Child Health Services Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 630.30 through 630.70).

B) Grant applications by regional perinatal networks may include services and responsibilities assigned to APCs and Level III hospitals in Section 640.40(c) of this Part in addition to the perinatal care services included in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 630.30 through 630.70.

2) Preventive Services

A portion of funds available to the Department for funding regional perinatal networks shall be targeted for preventive services.

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