**Section 1100.820 Birth Center Category of Service**

a) Planning Areas

No planning areas are established for need determination purposes. Birth centers shall be inventoried by health service area.

b) Age Groups

Females aged 15 through 44.

c) Utilization Target

Birth centers should operate at or above an annual minimum occupancy rate of 60%. This rate is consistent with the occupancy rate requirement for the Obstetric Care Category of Service for facilities with 1-10 beds. (see 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.530(c)(1))

d) Need Determination

Need must be established pursuant to the applicable review criteria of 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1110.285.

e) Bed Capacity

Bed capacity at a birth center is a maximum of 10 beds. [210 ILCS 170/5(3)].

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