**Section 146.800 General Description**

This Part sets forth the conditions that a birth center must meet in order to participate in medical programs administered by the Department. For the purposes of this Part, "birth center" means an alternative healthcare delivery model that is exclusively dedicated to serving the childbirth-related needs of women and their newborns and has no more than 10 beds. A birth center is a designated site in which births are planned to occur following a normal, uncomplicated, and low-risk pregnancy that is away from the mother's usual place of residence.

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