

449.Sec. 10.1 NEW

1.

A freestanding birthing center shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to be followed by the members of the staff of the freestanding birthing center for the control of infection that are in accordance with nationally recognized guidelines. Acceptable guidelines include, without limitation, the most recent version of the Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

2.

The policies and procedures developed pursuant to subsection 1 must prescribe the procedures for: (a) Hand hygiene; (b) Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and substances that pose a risk of infection to pregnant persons, persons who have given birth and newborns; (c) The proper use of syringes, needles, vials and lancets; and (d) The proper sterilization and disinfection of all reusable equipment.

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The proper sterilization and disinfection of all reusable equipment.

3.

The director of a freestanding birthing center shall make a copy of the policies and procedures developed by the freestanding birthing center pursuant to subsection 1 available to each member of the staff of the freestanding birthing center.

4.

Each member of the staff of a freestanding birthing center shall follow the manufacturer's guidelines for the use and maintenance of equipment, devices and supplies. The director of a freestanding birthing center shall make the manufacturer's guidelines for equipment, devices or supplies available to each member of the staff of the freestanding birthing center who uses or maintains the equipment, devices or supplies.

5.

A freestanding birthing center shall: (a) Train each member of the staff of the freestanding birthing center who has exposure to pregnant persons, persons who have given birth or newborns, or specimens of such persons, or who participates in the disinfection or sterilization of equipment at the freestanding birthing center on the policies and procedures for the control of infection developed pursuant to subsection 1; and (b) Require a supervisor of each member of the staff described in paragraph (a) to evaluate the member of the staff on his or her knowledge and skills concerning those policies and procedures within 10 working days after beginning his or her service on the staff and at least once each year thereafter.

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pregnant persons, persons who have given birth or newborns, or specimens of such persons, or who participates in the disinfection or sterilization of equipment at the freestanding birthing center on the policies and procedures for the control of infection developed pursuant to subsection 1; and

(b)

Require a supervisor of each member of the staff described in paragraph (a) to evaluate the member of the staff on his or her knowledge and skills concerning those policies and procedures within 10 working days after beginning his or her service on the staff and at least once each year thereafter.

6.

If a freestanding birthing center revises the policies and procedures for the control of infection developed pursuant to subsection 1, the freestanding birthing center shall: (a) Give notice of the change to each member of the staff of the freestanding birthing center who has exposure to pregnant persons, persons who have given birth or newborns, or specimens of such persons, or who participates in the disinfection or sterilization of equipment at the freestanding birthing center; and (b) Train each member of the staff described in paragraph (a) concerning the revised policies and procedures within 10 working days after adopting the revised policies and procedures.

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(b)

Train each member of the staff described in paragraph (a) concerning the revised

policies and procedures within 10 working days after adopting the revised policies and procedures.

7.

A freestanding birthing center shall maintain at least a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment to protect members of the staff of the freestanding birthing center from infectious diseases.