

## **449.Sec. 15.1 NEW**

### **1.**

A birth assistant at a freestanding birthing center must be supervised at all times by the director of the freestanding birthing center or a clinical provider at the freestanding birthing center.

### **2.**

The supervisor of a birth assistant may only delegate to the birth assistant tasks that the birth assistant has been trained and is competent to perform, as documented in the personnel file of the birth assistant pursuant to subsection 3. Such tasks may include, without limitation: (a) Checking vital signs and fetal heart tones; (b) Educating and providing support to pregnant persons and their supporters; (c) Nonclinical tasks, including, without limitation, cleaning, laundry, organization, and ordering and stocking supplies; (d) Assisting clinical providers with required documentation, including, without limitation, the documentation of data relating to vital signs; (e) Assisting pregnant persons or persons who have given birth with activities of daily living, including, without limitation, getting dressed, bathing and mobility; (f) Assisting a clinical provider or other member of the staff of the freestanding birthing center in an emergency; and (g) Ensuring that equipment and supplies are cleaned, disinfected or sterilized, as applicable, in the manner prescribed by the policies and procedures developed pursuant to section 10.

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Ensuring that equipment and supplies are cleaned, disinfected or sterilized, as applicable, in the manner prescribed by the policies and procedures developed pursuant to section 10.

**3.**

The personnel file of a birth assistant who is on the staff of a freestanding birthing center must include, without limitation, a list of the tasks that the birth assistant has been trained and is competent to perform.

**4.**

A birth assistant at a freestanding birthing center shall not render a diagnosis,

initiate a treatment, start an intravenous line, perform a pelvic or dilation examination, perform an intravaginal procedure, perform an examination of a newborn, prescribe or administer a drug or perform any other task that a birth assistant is prohibited from performing by the standards prescribed in the publication adopted by reference in section 12.