Chapter 449@ Medical and Other Related Facilities



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1.

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2.

Hallways and doors which provide entry into, exit from and access within the

obstetric center and birth rooms must be of adequate width and configuration to accommodate the maneuvering of a stretcher from an ambulance, a wheelchair and other emergency equipment.

3.

The obstetric center must have an adequate supply of hot and cold running water under pressure for human consumption and other purposes relating to the care of the maternal patient and newborn baby.

4.

If office-based prenatal care is provided at the obstetric center, the consultation and examining rooms for that care must be separate from the birth rooms.