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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 5@ Licensing and Certification of Health Facilities, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, and Referral Agencies

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Chapter 7@ Primary Care Clinics

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Article 9@ Birth Services

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Section 75081@ Birth Services - Staff

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(a)

A physician with current knowledge and specific training in obstetrics who is certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, or a physician with current knowledge and specific training in obstetrics shall be responsible for the medical services at the birth center. This individual may also hold the position of professional director of the clinic and shall have hospital privileges in obstetrics.

(b)

In addition, there shall be a sufficient number of physicians with current knowledge and specific training in obstetrics and newborn care, and/or certified nurse midwives and/or physician assistants competent in obstetrics and authorized by the physician supervisor to perform obstetrics to care for the number of patients accepted by the clinic. In the case of physician assistants, the responsible physician shall be certified by the Medical Board of California to be a physician assistant supervisor.

(c)

There shall be sufficient number of licensed registered nurses with current knowledge and specific training in maternity and newborn care to care for the number of patients accepted by the clinic.

(d)

A physician, certified nurse midwife or physician assistant meeting the above criteria and at least one other person meeting the above criteria shall be present for all births.

(e)

A system ensuring staff availability on a 24-hour basis shall be established and maintained.

(f)

Appropriate medical consultation services shall be available.

(g)

Continuing education and/or in-service training shall be required for all staff. The training shall include but not be limited to: (1) Physical assessment of mother and infant. (2) Infant and adult resuscitation and stabilization. Annual skills reviews shall be conducted. (3) Family centered birthing. (4) The birth process, including complications of labor and delivery. (5) Emergency skills. (6) Care of the newborn. (7) Prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care.

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