

State Missouri

Free Standing Birth Center Services

The state agency will establish fee schedules based on the reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet Division. The determination and reimbursement of reasonable charge will be in conformance with the standards and methods as expressed in 42 CFR 447 Subpart D. Agency payment will be the lower of:

- (1) The provider's actual charge for the service; or
- (2) The allowable fee based on reasonable charge as above determined.

The free standing birth center and the certified nurse midwife or physician must bill separately for the services provided by each. The free standing birth center may only bill for facility services.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of free standing birth center services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 17, 2012, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/index.htm>.

State/Territory Missouri

Amount, Duration, and Scope of Medical  
And Remedial Care and Services Provided to the Categorically Needy

27i. Licensed or Otherwise State-Approved Freestanding Birth Centers

Provided:  No limitations  With limitations\*

Please describe any limitations: \*Description provided on attachment.

27ii. Licensed or Otherwise State-Recognized covered professionals providing services in the Freestanding Birth Center

Provided:  No limitations  With limitations (please describe below)\*

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(a) Practitioners furnishing mandatory services described in another benefit category and otherwise covered under the State plan (i.e., physicians and certified nurse midwives).

(b) Other licensed practitioners furnishing prenatal, labor and delivery, or postpartum care in a freestanding birth center within the scope of practice under State law whose services are otherwise covered under 42 CFR 440.60 (e.g., lay midwives, certified professional midwives (CPMs), and any other type of licensed midwife). \*

(c) Other health care professionals licensed or otherwise recognized by the State to provide these birth attendant services (e.g., doulas, lactation consultant, etc.).\*

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27. (i), (ii) Freestanding Birth Center Services

Freestanding birth center facility services are covered for low risk pregnancies as defined by currently accepted criteria of maternal and fetal health.

A freestanding birth center is defined as a facility, not licensed as part of a hospital, which provides maternity care away from the mother's usual residence and where low risk births are planned to occur following a normal uncomplicated pregnancy. Providers acting as birth attendants are licensed physicians or certified nurse midwives, licensed to practice professional nursing and currently certified by examination by the American College of Nurse Midwives. Services provided by auxiliary personnel employed by the birth center are included in the freestanding birth center facility payment.

Coverage of freestanding birth center facility services is limited to labor and delivery services. Birth center services furnished prior to the labor and delivery are not included in the facility payment. The birth center facility payment covers all room charges for the mother and baby, equipment, and supplies. Providers must submit separate claims for their professional services. Birth center facility services are limited to one per participant per pregnancy.

Services provided before and after the labor and delivery, such as antepartum care, are included in the professional payment for the physician or certified nurse midwife.

Provision of birth center facility services will be limited to those freestanding birthing centers who have been licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and those who have an approved enrollment agreement with the MO HealthNet Division.