

(B) A PHYSICIAN SHALL BE ON CALL AND AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AT A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER AT ALL TIMES THAT THE FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER IS SERVING THE PUBLIC.

19-1005.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER UNLESS THE PERSON IS LICENSED BY THE SECRETARY. THIS LICENSING REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS THAT ARE INTENDED TO BE OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR AS A NONPROFIT ENTITY.

(B) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO OPERATE A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT IF THE APPLICANT AND THE FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER TO BE OPERATED MEET:

(1) ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY.

(D) A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

19-1006.

(A) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE SHALL:

(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY; AND

(2) PAY TO THE SECRETARY THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE SECRETARY THROUGH RULE OR REGULATION.

(B) THE APPLICATION SHALL:

(1) BE ON THE FORM AND ACCOMPANIED BY ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION THAT THE SECRETARY REQUIRES; AND

(2) BE SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY THE APPLICANT.

19-1007.

(A) A LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNLESS THE LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR A 3-YEAR TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES, THE LICENSEE PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 3-YEAR TERM, IF THE LICENSEE:

(1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO THE LICENSE;

(2) PAYS TO THE SECRETARY THE RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE SECRETARY THROUGH RULE OR REGULATION; AND