

(1) ADOPT, IMPLEMENT, AND ENFORCE A POLICY THAT REQUIRES, EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION WHERE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICABLE, ALL EMPLOYEES AND MEDICAL STAFF INVOLVED IN PATIENT CARE SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS; AND

(2) DISPLAY THE NOTICE DEVELOPED UNDER § 1-207 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(C) IF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION:

~~(1) THE COMMISSIONER MAY REVOKE THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY; OR~~

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY OF UP TO \$500 PER DAY PER VIOLATION FOR EACH DAY A VIOLATION CONTINUES.

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(a) In consultation with the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland and its Committee on Maternal Welfare and the American College of Nurse Midwives, the Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) The rules and regulations shall include provisions that:

(1) Pertain to the licensing and regulation of freestanding birthing centers;

(2) Govern the services provided by a freestanding birthing center; [and]

(3) Establish design, construction, and safety standards for freestanding birthing centers;

(4) REQUIRE THE ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF A POLICY THAT REQUIRES, EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION WHERE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICABLE, REQUIRE COMPLIANCE ALL EMPLOYEES AND MEDICAL STAFF INVOLVED IN PATIENT CARE SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS; AND

(5) REQUIRE DISPLAY OF THE NOTICE DEVELOPED UNDER § 1-207 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER.