

CHAPTER 33C

CERTIFICATE OF NEED: REGIONALIZED PERINATAL SERVICES

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8:33C-1.2 Standards and general criteria
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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8:33C-1.1 Scope and Purpose

The New Jersey Department of Health currently licenses and regulates inpatient and outpatient providers of obstetric and pediatric services in licensed general acute hospitals and freestanding ambulatory care centers throughout the State. The effort to lower infant and maternal mortality and improve child health requires that these services be linked into organized regional service delivery networks. The purpose of this chapter is to establish criteria and standards for review of certificate of need applications from Regional Maternal and Child Health Consortia, to designate Perinatal Centers within each region, to specify the requirements for regional perinatal needs assessment and planning, to specify criteria for regional prevention activities, and to specify the minimum utilization required to assure quality perinatal services.

8:33C-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Central service facility" means a health care facility, regulated by the Department of Health, providing essential administrative and clerical support services to two or more direct providers of health care services in a region which may also include some direct provision of health care services.

"Certified nurse midwife" means a registered professional nurse, licensed as such by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing, who is also a graduate of an accredited school certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives, and licensed as such by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.

"Clinical nurse coordinator or supervisor" means a registered professional nurse, currently licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing, who has administrative responsibility over the areas of labor, delivery, recovery, the nurseries, postpartum and antepartum units.

"Commissioner" means the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health.

"Community perinatal center" means any licensed facility providing preconceptional, prenatal, intrapartum, including delivery of the patient, and postpartum care to women.

"Consumer" means an individual who may receive specific health care services in a specific consortium region and who is not a health care provider and has no fiduciary interest in a health care service.

"High risk" means any patient identified with a medical/obstetrical condition requiring more than routine medical or surgical intervention.

"High risk infant follow-up" means a system of screening and tracking infants with potentially serious health problems or at risk for developmental delays following discharge from the hospital.

"Hospital provider" means an individual who is a direct provider of a health care service or has administrative responsibility for a health care facility which is a licensed acute care hospital or who is employed by a hospital.

"Infant" means a child from the period from birth to one year of age.

"In-hospital coverage" means a system whereby an individual is physically present in the hospital.

"Intensive care" means a hospital unit in which are concentrated special equipment and skilled personnel for the care of seriously ill patients requiring immediate and continuous attention.

"Intermediate care" means a hospital unit in which special equipment and personnel are available to care for stable, though ill, patients.