

BIRTHING CENTER ACCREDITATION

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I. ISSUE

What is acceptable birthing center accreditation?

II. POLICY

A. Only accreditation by one of the following organizations meets the requirement of [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)\(4\)\(xi\)\(A\)\(3\)](#) that the center be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization whose standards and procedures have been determined to be acceptable by the Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), or a designee:

1. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, [1 Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, telephone \(630\) 792-5290.](#)
2. The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc., [3201 Old Glenview Road, Suite 300, Wilmette, IL 60091, telephone \(847\) 853-6060.](#)
3. The Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers, P.O. Box 34, East Greenville, PA 18041, [telephone \(215\) 679-4833.](#)

B. The continued status of an accreditation organization being "acceptable to the Executive Director, TMA, or a designee" is discretionary on the part of the Executive Director and is, therefore, subject to change.

C. Should an organization lose status as "acceptable to the Executive Director, TMA, or a designee", accreditation granted to a birthing center prior to the accreditation organization's loss of status is subject to review by TMA to determine whether the birthing center should remain a certified provider for a period not to exceed the date that the existing accreditation would have otherwise expired.

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