

## Birthing Center Accreditation

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### 1.0 ISSUE

What is acceptable birthing center accreditation?

### 2.0 POLICY

**2.1** 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 Deputy Director, Defense Health Agency (DHA), or a designee:

- The Joint Commission.
- The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).
- The Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers.

**2.2** The continued status of an accreditation organization being “acceptable to the Deputy Director, DHA, or a designee” is discretionary on the part of the Deputy Director and is, therefore, subject to change.

**2.3** Should an organization lose status as “acceptable to the Deputy Director, DHA, or a designee”, accreditation granted to a birthing center prior to the accreditation organization’s loss of status is subject to review by DHA 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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