

**TITLE 310. OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CHAPTER 616. BIRTHING CENTERS REGULATIONS
[REVOKED]**

RULEMAKING ACTION

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking.

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 616. Birthing Centers Regulations [REVOKED]

SUMMARY:

SB1739 removed licensure requirements for birthing centers and Department authority to license birthing centers. This legislation did not remove hospital licensure requirements, under 63 O.S. §1-701 et seq.

AUTHORITY:

Commissioner of Health, Title 63 O.S. § 1-104; SB1739

COMMENT PERIOD:

September 16, 2024 through the close of the Department's normal business hours, 5 PM, on October 17, 2024. Interested persons may informally discuss the proposed rules with the contact person identified below; or may, through the close of the Department's normal business hours, 5 PM, on October 17, 2024 you may submit written comment to the contact person identified below, or may, at the hearing, ask to present written or oral views.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(A), the public hearing for the proposed rulemaking in this chapter shall be on October 18, 2024 at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Auditorium, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The meeting may adjourn earlier if all attendees who signed up to comment have completed giving their comments. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is October 23, 2024 in the Auditorium, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Those wishing to present oral comments should be present at that time to register to speak. The hearing will close at the conclusion of those registering to speak. Interested persons may attend for the purpose of submitting data, views or concerns, orally or in writing, about the rule proposal described and summarized in this Notice. Validated parking will be provided for the parking lot located at the east corner of Broadway and Robert S. Kerr Avenue, subject to availability.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, on the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rule. Business entities may submit this information in writing through October 17, 2024, to the contact person identified below.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules may be obtained for review from the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available through the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

CONTACT PERSON:

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