

**Subchapter C. Admissions, Transfers and Discharges
§6743. Prohibitions to Admission or Continued Care in
an FSBC**

A. The FSBC shall not knowingly accept or thereafter maintain responsibility for the prenatal or intrapartum care of a woman who:

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18. is younger than 16 years old or a primipara older than 40 years old, unless the FSBC obtains and maintains documented evidence from an obstetrician/gynecologist that the pregnancy and delivery is expected to be a low-risk, singleton birth, with vertex presentation;

19. has been taking medications known to cause Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, except if the woman is taking a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) as prescribed by her healthcare professional. The FSBC shall have documented evidence that taking the SSRI as prescribed will not increase risk to the pregnancy or delivery;

20. - 22. ...

B. A licensed healthcare practitioner may render FSBC prenatal and postpartum care services to a client who has had a previous cesarean section or other known uterine surgery such as hysterotomy or myomectomy, when the client has a plan for hospital delivery.

C. A licensed healthcare practitioner shall not knowingly render FSBC services outside of their scope of practice.

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RULE

**Department of Health
Health Standards Section**

**Free-Standing Birth Centers
Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.6737 and 6743)**

The Department of Health, Health Standards Section (the department), has amended LAC 48:I.6737 and §6743 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2180.21-2180.28. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

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PUBLIC HEALTH-GENERAL

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Chapter 67. Free-Standing Birth Centers

Subchapter B. Administration and Organization

§6737. Policies and Procedures

A. - G. ...

H. The free-standing birth center (FSBC) shall have written policies and procedures approved by the governing body, which shall be implemented and followed that address, at a minimum, the following:

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14. conditions for coverage, if applicable;

15. preventing, responding to, reporting, and mitigating instances of healthcare workplace violence in accordance with R.S. 40:2199.12(3), or current law; and

16. provision of prenatal and postpartum care to a client who has had a previous cesarean section or other known uterine surgery such as hysterotomy or myomectomy, and who plans to give birth in a hospital.

I. - J. ...

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