

**RULES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**CHAPTER 111-8
HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION**

**SUBJECT 111-8-7
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BIRTH CENTERS**

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(1) Each birth center shall have a written hospital affiliation agreement with an acute care hospital with at least Level III perinatal services within a reasonable distance from the birth center or the medical staff at the birth center shall have admitting privileges or other acceptable documented arrangements with such acute care hospital to ensure the necessary backup for the birth center for medical complications.

(2) Each birth center shall have a written agreement with the acute care hospital for acceptance and examination of laboratory specimens to expedite treatment, prior to formal admission procedures.

(3) The center shall have the capability to transfer and transport the adult and/or newborn patients immediately to the acute care hospital within a reasonable distance from the birth center. Documentation of each transfer shall be maintained by the center to substantiate to the Department that it has met this requirement.

(4) The center shall have a written contract with a licensed ambulance service which will assure timely response.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-4; 31-7-1; O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-7, Article 1.