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This information is being sent in response to your inquiry regarding licensure of Free Standing Birthing Centers. You will need the following information:

1. Birthing Centers License Application Form, found online at: www.healthoregon.org/hcrqi
2. Birthing Centers Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs), found online at: www.healthoregon.org/hcrqi
3. Birthing Centers Tables, found online at: www.healthoregon.org/hcrqi

Please note birthing centers are required to submit building plans for new and existing facilities to the Facilities Planning And Safety Program. Please contact that office at 503-373-7201 or refer to the Facilities Planning and Safety manual at <http://oregon.gov/dhs/ph/hsp/plansrev/index.shtml> for information related to those requirements. **The center must achieve compliance with the Facilities Planning and Safety Program requirements before requesting the initial licensure survey.**

When you feel you are in compliance with all of the Oregon Administrative Rules for Free Standing Birth Centers, please submit the completed license application and fee, along with a cover letter which reflects that the center is in compliance with all requirements and a request for an initial licensure survey. We will then be able to schedule a survey of your birthing center so that it may be licensed. Once you have received your license you may begin operating as a Free Standing Birthing Center.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 971-673-0540.

Sincerely,

Client Care Surveyor
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Public Health Division
Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement

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