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19 CSR 20-60.010 Levels of Maternal and Neonatal Care Designations

PURPOSE: This rule establishes criteria and procedures for reporting standardized assessments and levels of maternal and neonatal care designations for birthing facilities.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that publication of the entire text of the material that is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive.

(1) The following definitions shall apply throughout this rule:

(A) "Birthing facility" means any hospital, as defined under section 197.020, RSMo, with more than one (1) licensed obstetric bed or a neonatal intensive care unit, a hospital operated by a state university, or a birthing center licensed under sections 197.200 to 197.240, RSMo;

(B) "Department" means the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; and

(C) "LOCATe" or "CDC Maternal and Neonatal Levels of Care Assessment Tool" refers to a web-based tool created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that assists in creating standardized assessments of levels of maternal and neonatal care.

(2) Each birthing facility shall use the electronic CDC Maternal and Neonatal Levels of Care Assessment Tool (LOCATe) to assess its designation as of December 31 preceding the due date of January 31 every three (3) years.

(3) The level of care designation for neonatal care selected by the birthing facility within LOCATe shall be based upon the most current standards published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

(4) Each birthing facility shall have the results of their LOCATe assessment and level of care designations verified by the department, AAP, or the Joint Commission once every three (3) years.

(5) Verification processes conducted by AAP or the Joint Commission may include criteria in addition to those included in LOCATe.

(6) The department may initiate a review and monitor compliance with the provisions set forth in this rule at any time.

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*Original authority: 192.006, RSMo 1993, amended 1995, and 192.380, RSMo 2017.