

INITIAL RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

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

1. DESCRIPTION:

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

2. DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS AFFECTED AND COST IMPACT RESPONSE:

Prior to the law change, there were no standalone licensed birthing centers licensed in the state of Oklahoma. There are no anticipated cost impacts or people affected by this statute and subsequent rule change.

3. DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS BENEFITING, VALUE OF BENEFIT AND EXPECTED HEALTH OUTCOMES:

There are no expected changes to current health outcomes based upon this change.

4. ECONOMIC IMPACT, COST OF COMPLIANCE, AND FEE CHANGES: COST OF COMPLIANCE AND FEE CHANGES:

There is no significant cost of compliance to the Department, the public or birthing centers.

5. COST AND BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT TO THE AGENCY:

There are no anticipated costs or benefits to the implementation and enforcement of this proposed rule change.

6. IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:

There are no anticipated impacts on political subdivisions.

7. ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:

There are no anticipated adverse effects on small businesses.

8. EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE COSTS OF THE RULE:

No less costly means have been identified for the implementation of this rule.

9. EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:

No effect on public health and safety is projected.

10. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHOUT ADOPTION:**

Without adoption, there would be conflict between rule and statute. However, there are no detrimental effects on public health and safety anticipated without adoption.

11. **PREPARATION AND MODIFICATION DATES:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on August 1, 2024.