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PAGE 2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Fire code, Please give description for items checked above Scrub sink, bright lights, room and doorway width
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	No
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	physician groups, managed care, other health plans

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Lesley Rathbun
Birth Center:	Charleston Birth Place
City/Town:	Charleston
State:	SC
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) licensed under Ambulatory care statute but have separate sub section Birth centers
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to maintain
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes, Comments (optional) The service provided is being available to us 24/7 for consults/transfers. Also do monthly chart review. They collect from pat for any services performed
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff? No

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply) *Respondent skipped this question*

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements? No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks? No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives? No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers? No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Ann Sober
Birth Center:	Special Beginnings Birth & Women's Center
City/Town:	Arnold
State:	MD
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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PAGE 2: State Laws and Regulations

<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Structural, Please give description for items checked above Requirement is for birth room(s), exam room, triage room and interview room and more. They will sometimes make exceptions</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>No, If yes, please describe Note to #7 below : although the answer is legally yes, many unlicensed "birth centers" operate in my area and my state.</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>My state doesn't do this</p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?</p>	<p>No</p>
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<p>Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?</p>	<p>Yes, Comments (optional) The closest hospital is interested in CNMs, but in my state a collaborative agreement is required and the only OB group in town refuses to work with CNM or allow family practice groups to do the same.</p>
<p>Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?</p>	<p>Yes, Comments (optional) However, I have privileges at another further hospital without problems.</p>
<p>Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols, Hostility to you, Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician</p>
<p>Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)</p>	<p>local hospitals, physician groups, managed care, other health plans</p>

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Susan Farrell
Birth Center:	Lebanon Valley Midwifery
City/Town:	Womelsdorf
State:	PA
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Fire code
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) Health clinic
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to start, Yes to maintain
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No, Comments (optional) My collaborating MD owns 24% of the birth center and is paid at 24% despite doing NO WORK!!
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes, If yes, which plan(s)? Tricare, UHC, Coventry, Aetna, Cigna
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe Since the practice is not primarily physician owned, all of these networks have denied entrance.
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	Yes, If yes, which insurance companies? All except COPIC.
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	local hospitals, physician groups, managed care

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Heather Ramsey
Birth Center:	The Midwife's Place
City/Town:	Bellevue
State:	NE
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Certificate of Need, Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians, , Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Respondent skipped this question
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Respondent skipped this question
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this.
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	No

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No, Comments (optional) But unable to get full privileges.
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

No,

If yes, which plan(s)?
although no all have been approached yet

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

physician groups

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Jennifer Stevens

Birth Center:

RHPN Reading Birth Center

City/Town:

Reading

State:

PA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Other - please specify There is no licensure mechanism for free standing birth centers in our state.
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Please give description for items checked above The county put our birth tubs under the swimming pool code requirements.
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	If yes, please describe again, there are no licensure requirements in our state
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	No
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	Yes
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Comments (optional) We haven't even tried to get a collaboration agreement because it is nearly impossible.
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Comments (optional) We haven't even tried for those very reasons

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

They are often rude and unprofessional, say critical things to both the clients and to the midwives. They have filed complaints to the board of medicine because they didn't think we should be able to have our birth center.

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols,

Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients,

Baseless complaints to facility agency,

Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician,

Baseless complaints to the disciplinary board

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

Comments (optional)

No physician affiliation but that is desired.

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care,

other health plans,

Comments (optional)

Also by members of the regulatory boards who make comments and judgements because they do not believe midwifery is a safe option. Many do not understand our model of care or our scope of practice.

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Peggy Franklin

Birth Center:

NOVA Natural Birth Center

City/Town:

Chantilly

State:

VA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Certificate of Need, Required medical director, Required hospital transport agreement, Other - please specify The transferring hospital requires a written agreement with a consulting physician to be credentialed and privileged as an independent voluntary attending on staff.
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Structural, Fire code, Please give description for items checked above The NY DOH requirements are akin to an ambulatory surgical center including physical facility restrictions (window in birthing room,width of hallways), sprinkler system, fire code regulations. DOH requires leasing of premises prior to construction and approval of plans which is an impossible requirement;to lease for a year prior to an approval togetting the Certificate of Need.
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Outpatient, Other (please specify) Diagnostic & Treatment Center
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to maintain
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	If yes, please describe Don't know

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes
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Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No, Comments (optional) How ever the credentialing process for a midwife working in a birth center takes longer and delayed because doctors are given higher priority.
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes, Comments (optional) The transferring hospital requires collaborative physician coverage for all moms, including transported moms. It has instructed its house/faculty staff not to care for our patients, even in the event of a transfer. The hospital demands payment for any faculty practitioner who are covering on call and/or performs services for clients of the birth center. These requirements cost the birth center over \$200,000 annually.
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Hostility to your clients
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	No, If yes, which plan(s)? But yes to refusal to enter into contract with birth center
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	No
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	local hospitals

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Fran Schwartz
Birth Center:	Brooklyn Birthing center
City/Town:	Brooklyn
State:	NY
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Outpatient, Other (please specify) licensed facility is the term that is used
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to maintain
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes, Comments (optional) Consultant has required us to carry him on our professional liability insurance as well.
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients, Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	No
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe Humana & Coventry - since we do not have physician in our group.
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	physician groups

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Glenda Pearson
Birth Center:	Breath of Life Women's Health & Birth Center
City/Town:	Largo
State:	FL
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols

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Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements? No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks? No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives? No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers? No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply) local hospitals,
Comments (optional)
Long-standing hostility, slowly improving.

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name: Judi Davidson
Birth Center: Mat-Su Midwifery
City/Town: Wasilla
State: AK
Email Address:
Phone Number:

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Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Required hospital transport agreement, Other - please specify In CA we CNM's must have a "supervising MD" or we cannot work, according to the Nurse practice Act. So if no supervisor then no birth center.</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Please give description for items checked above Plumbing had to be cast iron not PVC. Heat/Air had to be rigid duct work rather than flexible ducting. Electrical - redundant grounds. 600 candle watt lights in each birth room. Specific birthroom sizes/dimensions, Specific bathroom sizes and dimensions. Had to have coved flooring in birthrooms and bathrooms. All bathrooms, doorways, hallways, showers had to be ADA compliant. The shower floors had to be wheelchair accessible which makes the pitch so shallow that water runs out of the shower making the floor easy to flood which is a potential fall issue for laboring pregnant women and staff.</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Yes to start, Yes to maintain</p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes, Comments (optional) It is actually not to sign, but when he does review of my protocols he then charges me. My first consultant charged per patient whether I ever needed to consult with him or not.
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Yes, Comments (optional) Have tried to get privileges at UCDMC.
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols, Hostility to you, Baseless complaints to the disciplinary board, Comments (optional) I had a complaint to my CNM license that I had dumped a patient at the ER at Mercy San Juan Hospital. I have tried for 14+ years to get a transfer agreement with Mercy San Juan Hospital and UCDMC and have always been denied.
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes, If yes, which plan(s)? Blue Cross
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe There are 3 IPA's in Sacramento that have all the managed care medical contracts. They do not allow non-MD's to contract. No HMO's will contract either.
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	local hospitals, physician groups, managed care, other health plans

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:	
Name:	Ruth Cummings
Birth Center:	The Birth Center, A Nursing Corporation
City/Town:	Sacramento
State:	CA
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

#11

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Structural, Please give description for items checked above have to comply with handicap rules
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Outpatient
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	Yes
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	Yes
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes, Comments (optional) I was once prevented from coming onto the property of the hospital. Is better now. The administration and some of the MD's are not happy with what I do.

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients,
Baseless complaints to the disciplinary board

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,
If yes, which plan(s)?
If I don't carry malpractice in the amount of 1mil/3mil they have refused me

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

If yes, please describe Not sure what this would be

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

Comments (optional) NA

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

physician groups,
Comments (optional) individual physicians

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Jeanne Hebl

Birth Center:

The Birth Center

City/Town:

Missoula

State:

MT

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#12

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PAGE2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Certificate of Need, Required medical director, Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Fire code, Please give description for items checked above It must conform to Article 28 status, i.e. a Diagnostic and Treatment Facility
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	If yes, please describe I don't know
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) A Diagnostic and Treatment Facility
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to start
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Yes, If yes, please describe Yes, the Catholic Health System wrote the NYS DOH and opposed it on the basis of too many maternity beds in Buffalo and the fear that patients would be transferred to their facility. I was able to make the case that I had a transfer agreement with Children's Hospital, admitting privileges at Children's Hospital (part of the non-Catholic system) and that my impetus was to offer care to home birth clients who aren't birthing as hospital anyway. The DOH felt that my argument was solid and they gave me the extension of services to my existing CON

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No, Comments (optional) I'm a board certified OB and don't need consulting services
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable, Comments (optional) I already had admitting privileges
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Comments (optional) The pediatric staff is continually reporting me for imagined violations
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes, If yes, which plan(s)? Only one (and I can't reveal which one) has even agreed to consider it. The major insurer in the area, BCBS, has categorically refused and apparently nothing can be done about this.
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	No
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	Comments (optional) N.A.
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	local hospitals, physician groups, managed care, other health plans, Comments (optional) All of them

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:	
Name:	Katharine Morrison, MD
Birth Center:	Birthing Center of Buffalo
City/Town:	Buffalo
State:	NY
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

#13

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<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Certificate of Need, Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Structural, Please give description for items checked above size of birth rooms based on nothing but speculation</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>My state doesn't do this.</p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>Yes, If yes, please describe 27 years ago Memorial Health but I dont think this would be the case now as we have a great working relationship</p>

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<p>Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

we have to have an MD" sponsor" or employer and at one hospital were we had the ability to work, we cant find a sponsor so we can no longer work

Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

almost continuous review and audit of our practice in the hospital by MDs not working with CNM, No peer review in some cases no mechanism to respond to criticism

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols, Hostility to you

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)?

BC/BC, Cigna, Humana, Aetna, Covenant,

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes,

If yes, please describe

we are told either the Network is full, or midlevel providers are not allowed or credentialed and Birth Centers are not recognized as facilities even with state licenses and national accreditation

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care, other health plans

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Nancy Belin

Birth Center:

Midwife Group and Birth Center

City/Town:

Savannah

State:

GA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#14

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)

Certificate of Need,
 Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians
 ,
 Other - please specify
 low a - licensed as birth center Nebraska - ambulatory care center (stricter requirements making it financially difficult to open a center) Unable to use a home as birth center (in Nebraska) as doorways of birth rooms must meet hospital specifications. Birth Centers are the only OOH option in Nebraska as it is a felony for a CNM to attend a home birth. There is only one BC in the state. Another attempted to open, but when the MD providing the written collaborative agreement pulled out, it could not open, and the CNM lost everything.

Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)

Structural,
 Please give description for items checked above
 Unable to use a home as birth center (in Nebraska) as doorways of birth rooms must meet hospital specifications. Birth Centers are the only OOH option in Nebraska as it is a felony for a CNM to attend a home birth. There is only one BC in the state. Another attempted

Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?

Yes

Q4: Does your state license birth centers?

Yes

Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?

Ambulatory surgical center,
 Other (please specify) In Nebraska

Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)

Yes to start

Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.

Yes

Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?

No

Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?

No

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Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?

Yes,

If yes, please describe

Currently a CNM is attempting to open a birth center in low a, and the hospital association has put pressure on the state to deny the COD. In Nebraska, the hospital association is the group preventing CNMs from being added to the current legislation removing a collaborative agreement requirement for ARNPs (CNMs exempted) and has been the driving force to keep CNMs from attending home births.

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?

No,

Comments (optional)

Currently just doing home birth in low a, but I live in Nebraska

Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?

Not Applicable,

Comments (optional)

I have not yet attempted as it does require a larger amount of malpractice than I can afford at this time.

Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

No,

Comments (optional)

Not yet, but I'm new in town!

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No,

If yes, which insurance companies?

But the physician groups in Nebraska claim that is why they do not attend home births, nor support CNMs attending them either.

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Kellie Northam, ARNP, CNM
Birth Center:	Home birth practice
City/Town:	Council Bluffs
State:	IA
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians , Other - please specify And Physician Credentials on file
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Electrical, Structural, Fire code, Please give description for items checked above Electrical - Colorado requires "green wire" Structural and Fire Code - 2 hour fire w all
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Outpatient
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to start
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Yes, Comments (optional) Hospitals in Colorado all require MD supervision of nurse midwives (CNMs), but MDs cannot get malpractice insurance for out-of-hospital birth.

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

Littleton Hospital refused to provide a birth certificate for a patient that had a precipitous, unplanned home birth that had to go to their hospital. Staff members regularly claim any complication that arises comes from the choice of using a birth center. Pediatricians and nurses have claimed that our care "kills babies." Professional and ethical violations by nurses have gone uncorrected by local hospitals. Littleton Hospital also refused a transfer of care for a patient requesting to use her former MD with credentials there.

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols,

Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients,

Baseless complaints to facility agency,

Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)?

Rocky Mountain Health Plans and multiple plans being sold on the Individual Exchange by Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna and more

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes,

If yes, please describe Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

Yes,

If yes, which insurance companies? COPIC

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care,

other health plans,

Comments (optional)

Physician group owned by closest hospital refuses all transfers, even transfers to a Midwife (CNM) practice in the hospital. Rocky Mountain Health Plan refuses to contract with CNMs and birth centers.

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Joel Ryan

Birth Center:

Mountain Midwifery Center

City/Town:

Englewood

State:

CO

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#16

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Please give description for items checked above Must meet OSHPD 3 standards, room must be certain size. No commercial property in our small city of 16000 meets this criteria. Thankfully the office I own had a lg procedure room so we changed it into a birth room
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No, If yes, please describe Don't know
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) No
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Yes, Comments (optional) I have my suspicions but can't prove it
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	No
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe Blue Shield will not credential birth centers or midwives Don't think United Healthcare will either
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No, Comments (optional) But their malpractice insurance goes much higher And there needs to be a clause I. The policy that says they cover midwives. This is what had gotten my privileges revoked as my physicians malpractice went up \$40,000
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	Comments (optional) Not sure as we just started but am expecting some difficulty from the local hospital

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:	
Name:	Linda Dashiell
Birth Center:	Blessings Birth Center
City/Town:	Ukiah
State:	CA
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>

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Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Respondent skipped this question

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Respondent skipped this question

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

Respondent skipped this question

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes, Comments (optional) NICU mds

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	No
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe Only CDMs in our practice excluded. CNMs covered
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	physician groups

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Barbara Norton
Birth Center:	Geneva Woods Birth Center
City/Town:	Anchorage
State:	AK
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

#19

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PAGE2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Structural, Please give description for items checked above Birth Rooms that are 12' by 12', 10 ft tall ceilings, Title 22 handy cap access for ALL bathrooms.
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	If yes, please describe unknown
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) Alternative Birth
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	Yes to maintain
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	Yes - if CABC accredited
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

PAGE3: Private Restrictions

Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Yes
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols,
Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients,
Baseless complaints to facility agency,
Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician,
Baseless complaints to the disciplinary board

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

Yes,

Comments (optional)
Indirectly, told that if she continues, they will end her contract or not cover her patients when she leaves town.

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

Yes,

If yes, which insurance companies? Doctors

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care,

Comments (optional)
When a Medi-Cal HMO came to our county, they refused to give us a general contract as a provider, even though we has many primary care clients. Now women have to opt out of their plan to get to be with us.

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Rosanne Gephart

Birth Center:

Womens Health and Birth Center

City/Town:

Santa Rosa

State:

CA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#20

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PAGE 2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required hospital transport agreement, Other - please specify The agreement with Physicians is via the licensing on a CNM
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Please give description for items checked above I disagree with "physician's office" language as we are seeking facility reimbursement, these same facilities need to maintain a level of quality that represents a facility. ALL Buildings must adhere to occupancy codes and safety of the public. Our state does NOT mandate this --the city does.
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No, If yes, please describe IT is based on staffing.
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) Maternity Center
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No, Comments (optional) Are you KIDDING??? They receive referrals/consults/transfers.....
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

No,

Comments (optional)

Only when bringing our model into another culture

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)? United Health Car, CIGNA, AETNA

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes,

If yes, please describe United Health Care

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

Comments (optional) home birth midwives are oppositional

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Cathy Gordon

Birth Center:

New Birth Company

City/Town:

Overland Park

State:

KS

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#21



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<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Other - please specify not sure but our malpractice company insisted on a transfer agreement with our local hospital. the local hospital gave us one but insisted the transfer in be initiated by an MD and would not change the language to CNM</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Please give description for items checked above Don't believe so</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>If yes, please describe Not sure; we have 3 rooms</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p>Other (please specify) not sure haven't done this yet</p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?</p>	<p>No, Comments (optional) She asked for payment but wasn't willing to sign the contract due to fear on how it would impact her liability insurance.</p>
<p>Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No, Comments (optional) Having trouble with getting an MD at one of the local hospitals to take transfers.
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	If yes, which plan(s)? haven't tried
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	If yes, please describe don't accept insurance as payment
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No, Comments (optional) I'm not sure she's telling them. Main reason of losing back-up for OOH home birth was always our lack of malpractice insurance and their companies telling them they shouldn't back us. Now that we have insurance for the birth center, it doesn't seem to be an issue but hasn't been easy bridging those relationships again.
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question.</i>

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	margo kennedy
Birth Center:	del mar birth center
City/Town:	south pasadena
State:	CA
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

#22

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<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Required medical director, Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement, Other - please specify Licensing as ambulatory surgical center</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Plumbing, Structural, Please give description for items checked above Additional fixtures, room size requirements, hall width requirements, distance to exits</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>Yes, If yes, please describe Regulations are increased for centers w ith 4 or more birth rooms</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p>Ambulatory surgical center</p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Yes to start, Yes to maintain</p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?</p>	<p>No</p>
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Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

We do not yet have privileges at any hospital. Every local hospital was approached, we were told that mechanisms do not exist to grant privileges to CNMs, even though they have other advanced practice nurses on staff.

Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

Local hospital ordered a physician to stop cooperating with us and instead forced our patients to transfer to the ER call physician. Obviously this is not ideal for smooth transfer or collaboration.

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols,

Hostility to you,

Baseless complaints to another midwife/nurse/physician,

Comments (optional)

Although we have been made aware of complaints amongst staff and executives, the staff has treated our patients well.

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)? Anthem BCBS, United Healthcare

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No,

If yes, please describe Have not attempted to join.

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Jessica Henman

Birth Center:

Birth and Wellness Center

City/Town:

O'fallon

State:

MO

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#23

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<p>Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Required w ritten agreement w ith one or more consulting physicians , Other - please specify If we try to be a "pilot project birth center" we need a letter from our nearest perinatal center that they will accept our transfers (already required by the law) and consult w ith us. If we open a birth center or try to get hospital privileges we need a "team leader" physician. Many hospitals require a "sponsoring physician" w ith practice guidelines that have been review ed by a physician w ith privileges at the hospital.</p>
<p>Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)</p>	<p>Please give description for items checked above No, just general building code requirements.</p>
<p>Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q4: Does your state license birth centers?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)</p>	<p>My state doesn't do this</p>
<p>Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?</p>	<p>Yes - if CABC accredited</p>
<p>Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?</p>	<p>If yes, please describe Local perinatal center refused to give a letter of agreement to accept transfers and consult w ith us so that we could operate under the Pilot Program for Birth Centers w ithout a signed prescriptive privileges/practice agreement w ith a physician. State has refused the other hospital CON for NICU and neonatologist so it could be a perinatal center.</p>

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?

Yes

Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

Almost all physicians are owned by the 2 hospital systems. The hospital systems will not let the physicians sign agreements. Even if we could find one group willing to sign with us, other groups share call duties. Those groups not willing to "be responsible" for CNMs. Nor were they willing to hire CNMs in the local Obstetrical Clinic. They hired FNPs instead.

Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?

Yes,

Comments (optional)

Rarely, we have a physician who is hostile to out-of-hospital birth when we have transferred. Most have been very good to work with. The local EMS system works well with us and the hospital transfer center has been helpful in getting clients who need medical attention transferred smoothly.

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Comments (optional)

Hostility towards out-of-hospital birth in general by one physician. Another physician giving incorrect information to client (no value in delayed cord clamping, clamping cord early in spite of client expressed desire). Only one physician in our area has been willing to collaborate during the prenatal care period where we both saw the client every other visit. She had medical issues and lived more than an hour away from the physician. We were closer to her and so did more visits. Most other OBs insist client be transferred so they are not "responsible" for our care. No OB is willing to enter into a collaborative practice agreement or is unable to due to the hospital system that employs them. Most cite non-compete clauses or professional liability issues. We are operating due to one family physician who has been willing to sign prescriptive privileges and be our "team leader". If anything happens to her, we are probably out of business.

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)?

Optima informed us they do not accept midwives into their plan.

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

Yes,

If yes, please describe

Optima at first approved my application for provider. Then said it was voted down by the committee because I am a CNM and they did not contract with CNMs. Anthem, which has a close relationship to the hospitals in our area, does not include birth center facility services fees in or out of network.

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No,

Comments (optional)

Her personal professional liability insurance premiums went up \$5000/year due to her affiliation with us even though she is an administrative medical director and is covered by our insurance. She sees no clients in our birth center.

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Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals, physician groups, managed care,
other health plans,

Comments (optional)

The Medical Society of Virginia has very much been in opposition of any practice of midwifery that is not controlled by physicians. They have opposed any independent practice of any advanced practice nurse or midwife. Though they claim it is a "safety" issue, we all know it is a control and financial issue. The Constitution of Virginia states that the General Assembly can make no law that restricts a profession unless it is for the safety of the public. There is no proof that out-of-hospital birth or birth with a CNM is not safe, therefore, the Virginia law restricting CNMs is a restraint of trade. In one email from a hospital administrator the word competition was actually used. (I have unfortunately lost that email) She basically said that the hospital would never agree to work with a freestanding birth center because it was direct competition to the hospital.

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Karen Winstead

Birth Center:

New Life Birth Center

City/Town:

Rocky Mount

State:

VA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#24

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PAGE 2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians , Required hospital transport agreement
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Fire code, Please give description for items checked above Requirement for sprinkler system, all birth suites on first floor, transfer incubator
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No

FTC Survey

Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

Yes,

If yes, which plan(s)?

In the past, most recently Gateway (MCO) but they just agreed to a contract

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

local hospitals,

Comments (optional)

We have to develop a referral relationship with a second hospital because they are now owned by the largest insurer in the area. Although the administration wants to affiliate with our birth center, many of the OBs and RNs are resistant.

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Christine Haas

Birth Center:

The Midwife Center for Birth & Women's Health

City/Town:

Pittsburgh

State:

PA

Email Address:

Phone Number:

#25

COMPLETE



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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Other - please specify No licensure available
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Please give description for items checked above In discussions w with the DOH in NM, they have wanted to place restrictions for birth room size at 200 sqft. We may have gotten past this but still very much in the talking phase
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	If yes, please describe DNA
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	No
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) Will be outpatient if it goes through
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	Yes
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	Yes
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

PAGE 3: Private Restrictions

Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes, Comments (optional) Presbyterian has not been particularly welcoming but we have no problems at University or Lovelace

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply) Hostility to you, Hostility to your clients

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements? No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks? No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives? No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers? No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply) *Respondent skipped this question.*

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name: Abigail Eaves
Birth Center: Dar a Luz Birth & Health Center
City/Town: Lo Ranchos
State: NM
Email Address:
Phone Number:

#26

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PAGE 2: State Laws and Regulations

Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Other - please specify Mandatory physician consultant
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, Fire code, Please give description for items checked above We did face this obstacle until the law changed in Colorado on 7/1/2013. Until then we had to meet the ambulatory surgery center requirements. We also had the case where the State did not recognize the most current fire codes and did not accept all the fire codes including the Appendix.
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) No - licensed as a birth center.
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	No
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Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Not Applicable, Comments (optional) We have not tried because the other midwife group does pay physicians group a percent of fees whether or not they actually provide services in order to get access to hospital. We think we would be denied privileges so we have put our efforts towards CABC accreditation.
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes, If yes, which plan(s)? Rocky Mountain Health Plan; Aetna; BCBS-Regence; Altius ; Coventry Health Care
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe Rocky Mountain Health Plan. They say they will start negotiations when we get CABC accredited.
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	If yes, which insurance companies? Copic - did not refuse but strongly discouraged the physician to work with birth center.
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	physician groups

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:	
Name:	Dick / Patty Kandiko
Birth Center:	Bloomin' Babies Birth Center
City/Town:	Grand Junction
State:	CO
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Other - please specify there is no mechanism for licensure in WI
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Please give description for items checked above because there is no state licensure we only have to comply with local ordinance, unless we are greater than 50,000 cubic feet then we have to have a structural engineer approve things and extra state issues which we have not had to deal with because we are under 50,000 cuft
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	If yes, please describe n/a
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	No
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Other (please specify) have wondered about surgical, but have not explored it
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	No
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	Yes
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes, Comments (optional) sort of, she doesn't charge outright, but we supply her malpractice insurance for doing it, that is about 2000\$
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	Yes, Comments (optional) local hospital has no midwives and they are not interested in the 'liability' or the work of writing the bylaws. They told me "sorry but it does not fit with our philosophy of OB care.

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Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	Yes, Comments (optional) they dont want to work w ith out of hospital , too much liability
Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)	Refusal to enter into agreements or protocols, Hostility to you, Comments (optional) local hospital has no midw ives and they are not interested in the 'liability' or the w ork of w riting the bylaw s. They told me "sorry but it does not fit w ith our philosophy of OB care.
Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?	Yes, If yes, w hich plan(s)? everyone in this area that w e have tried, gunderson health plan, samaritan ministries, security health plan, united, blue cross blue shield, health tradition,
Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?	Yes, If yes, please describe everyone in this area that w e have tried, gunderson health plan, samaritan ministries, security health plan, united, blue cross blue shield, health tradition,
Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?	No, Comments (optional) not sure, our previous physician pulled out after three years and this w as after he mentioned his insurance, and that w as proassurance, w ho w ould not w rite my malpractice because there w as not a physician w orking in house.
Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?	No, If yes, w hich insurance companies? not sure, our previous physician pulled out after three years and this w as after he mentioned his insurance, and that w as proassurance, w ho w ould not w rite my malpractice because there w as not a physician w orking in house.
Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)	local hospitals, physician groups, managed care

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Teri Gjerset
Birth Center:	Footprints Midw ifery
City/Tow n:	Black River Falls
State:	WI
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	Respondent skipped this question
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	Respondent skipped this question
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	Not applicable

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No, Comments (optional) My husband is a well respected OB/GYN, which opens a lot of doors for me, but the staff at the closest hospital is in general very welcoming. We are lucky.

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:

Samantha McCormick

Birth Center:

Baby Love

City/Town:

Cape Coral

State:

FL

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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Q1: Does your state have any requirement that makes it difficult for birth centers to qualify for a license? (check all that apply)	Required medical director, Required written agreement with one or more consulting physicians , Other - please specify Consulting physician only if prescribing medication.
Q2: Does your state include unnecessary and restrictive architectural or structural requirements? Birth centers should not be held to any more restrictive standards than would be applied to a physician's office. (check all that apply)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q3: Does your state impose more stringent requirements on birth centers with more than the state minimum number of birthing rooms?	No
Q4: Does your state license birth centers?	Yes
Q5: Does your state license birth centers as another type of facility?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q6: Has licensing a birth center as another type of facility made it more challenging for you to start a birth center and/or sustain one? (check all that apply)	My state doesn't do this
Q7: Must birth centers be licensed to operate in your state.	Yes
Q8: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect Medicaid payments?	No
Q9: Are unlicensed facilities in your state able to collect private insurance payments?	No
Q10: Did any local hospital(s) oppose your Certificate of Need application?	No

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Q11: Are you paying a physician group to sign a consulting or collaboration agreement, whether or not they actually provide services?	Yes
Q12: Have you been denied clinical privileges at any local hospitals for which you believe the basis probably was because you are a midwife or work for/own a birth center?	No
Q13: Have you had problems working with your local hospital or members of its medical staff?	No

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Q14: If yes, were those problems related to (check all that apply)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: Have any managed care plans or other health plans refused to let you enter into provider agreements?

No

Q16: Have you been excluded from any physician-dominated or hospital-controlled provider networks?

No

Q17: Has any physician affiliated with you been denied malpractice insurance because of his/her involvement with the birth center or midwives?

No

Q18: Are you aware of any malpractice insurance companies in your state that refuse to cover physicians who work with or consult with midwives or birth centers?

No

Q19: Do you know or suspect any hostility or opposition to the birth center or midwives on the part of (check all that apply)

physician groups,
Comments (optional) Texas Medical Association

PAGE 4: How to contact you

Q20: Please provide your contact information:

Name:	Jeff Giles
Birth Center:	Allen Birthing Center
City/Town:	Allen
State:	TX
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	