Memorandum

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RE: Proposed Regulations for Birthing Centers

The Alabama Department of Public Health’s (the “Department”) Office of General Counsel, in cooperation with the Bureau of Health Provider Standards, provides the following list of resources that were consulted during the Department’s revision and review of the previously proposed rules for the regulation of Birthing Centers in Alabama. Many of these resources were cited by commenters during the public comment period in 2022 and were utilized by Department staff in preparing revised rules for reconsideration by the State Committee of Public Health. They include:

- American Association of Birth Centers Standards and filed comments
- Model State Regulations from the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC) and other information on CABC’s website
- State of Georgia Regulations for Birth Centers
- State of Mississippi Regulations for Birthing Centers
- State of Tennessee Regulations for Birthing Centers
- Alabama State Board of Midwifery law and rules
- All oral and written comments received during the public comment period
- Public hearing transcript (August 18, 2022) and exhibits
- Alabama Hospital Association filed comments
- Jackson Hospital filed comments
- Druid City Hospital filed comments
- Alabama State Board of Midwifery filed comments
- American College of Nurse Midwives - Alabama affiliate filed comments
- American Public Health Association Guidelines for Birth Centers (available excerpts)
- Alabama Attorney General’s Opinion No. 2023-012 (December 15, 2022)
- Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities, Section 3.4 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Birth Centers
- Alabama Licensure Advisory Board oral comments