

**Indiana Department of Health  
410 IAC 27 Birthing Centers  
LSA Document #23-798**

**Readoption Review**

**Description of Rule:**

410 IAC 27 provides for the licensure and physical plant requirements for birthing centers.

**I. Continued Need for the Rule**

There is a continued need for this rule. The rule provides basic licensure requirements and physical plant requirements for birthing centers as required by statute. These are the minimum standards for the protection of the health and safety of pregnant patients (and their infants) who choose to use these alternative healthcare facilities established by statute. IC 16-21-2-2.5 requires the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to adopt rules governing birthing centers.

**II. Analysis of fees, fines, and civil penalties under IC 4-22-2-19.6**

Pursuant to 410 IAC 27-2-8, the Commissioner of IDOH may impose disciplinary action, including civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000. This civil penalty is set by IC 16-21-3-1 and has not changed since this rule was promulgated in 2006.

**III. Complaints and Comments**

There have been no complaints or comments received from the public concerning the implementation of this rule.

**IV. Difficulties Encountered**

The agency has encountered no difficulties in administering the rule. IDOH has not been made aware of any difficulties of small businesses in complying with the rule.

**V. Changes in Technology, Economic Conditions, or Other Factors**

There have not been any technological, economic or other known factors that have changed or impacted the areas under the rule.

**VI. Revised Regulatory Analysis**

Readoption has no impact that changes the cost/benefit, fiscal impact, regulatory burden or economic impact since there are no changes to the rule having such effects.