



Operations of Licensed Birthing Centers in Texas

September 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014

**As Required by
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83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013
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Health Services, Rider 94)**



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Executive Summary

This report was created as required by the [2014-15 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session, 2013](#) (Article II, Health and Human Services, Department of State Health Services, Rider 94). Rider 94 requires the Texas Department of State Health Services to collect data and provide a report on all licensed birthing centers across the state. This report represents data from September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. Birthing center compliance with this reporting requirement was high; all the centers that were open and operating during this period provided reports.

Totals were calculated based on all responses received from Texas licensed birthing centers. The following is a summary of the results:

1. A total of 62 centers submitted reports from September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014.
2. 3,142 live births occurred across all Texas licensed birthing centers.
3. The majority of live births (3,068, 97.6%) occurred between 37 and 41 weeks of gestation. Only 18 births were preterm (less than 37 weeks of gestation), all of which were at 36 weeks of gestation.

Introduction

The [2014-15 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 83rd Legislature Regular Session, 2013](#) (Article II, Health and Human Services, Department of State Health Services, Rider 94), required the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to collect and report certain information from each licensed birthing center in Texas. As defined by Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 244.002, a birthing center is “a place, facility, or institution at which a woman is scheduled to give birth following a normal, uncomplicated pregnancy, but does not include a hospital or the residence of the woman giving birth.” No later than June 30 of each year of the 2014-2015 biennium, out of funds appropriated in this bill, DSHS was instructed to collect the following measures from each licensed birthing center:

1. The number of women who gave birth at the birthing center;
2. The number of live births at the birthing center;
3. The number of births of stillborn infants at the birthing center;
4. The number of women transferred by the birthing center to another facility for birth or postpartum complications;
5. The number of infants transferred by the birthing center to another facility for complications;
6. The number of women with multiple gestations who received treatment at the birthing center;
7. The number of vaginal breech deliveries at the birthing center;
8. The number of births at the birthing center by women who have had a previous uterine surgery, including a cesarean delivery;
9. The gestational age of infants at delivery at the birthing center;
10. The number of infants with an Apgar score of less than three at five minutes after delivery at the birthing center;
11. The number of women and infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center; and
12. The number of women and infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center.

Subsection (b) of this Rider tasks DSHS to create a report on the operations of licensed birthing centers. DSHS is required to submit a report to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature by August 31 of each year of the 2014-2015 biennium. The report’s format is determined by the Legislative Budget Board and includes analysis and aggregate data.

As tasked in Subsection (b), this report is provided for the first year of the 2014-2015 biennium and contains analysis and aggregate data from September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014.

Background

Methods

Data Collection

Data were collected from licensed birthing centers for two separate reporting periods: September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, and January 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014. DSHS' Division of Regulatory Services initially contacted birthing centers to request that they submit data (Appendix B). Subsequently, between December 1, 2013, and January 31, 2014, and again between May 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014, staff at the DSHS' Center for Health Statistics communicated with birthing centers to provide reminders and answer questions regarding Rider 94 and the reporting requirements.

A total of 62 licensed birthing centers operated throughout the reporting periods and provided data included in this report. DSHS sent birthing centers instructions on how to complete the forms and provided options to submit the forms by mail, electronic PDF, email, or fax (Appendix C). On receipt, DSHS examined the forms for completeness and consistency. Forms were then entered into an internal dataset for analysis.

Calculation of Totals

Totals for the 12 legislatively-required measures are provided in Appendix A. Data for measures 1-5, 7, 8, and 10 are provided as totals. Measure 6, the number of women with multiple gestations is provided as totals by the number of gestations (twins, triplets, and four or more). Measure 9, the gestational age of infants at delivery at the birthing center, is provided as totals by weeks of gestation. There were no births reported with a gestational age earlier than 36 weeks of gestation. Two measures were totaled separately for women and infants: measure 11, women and infants admitted to a hospital within 72 hours after delivery; and measure 12, women and infants who visited an emergency room within 72 hours after delivery.

Results

Table 1 provides totals for all licensed Texas birthing centers that reported. These totals answer measures 1 through 12 as requested by the [2014-15 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 83rd Legislature Regular Session, 2013](#) (Article II, Health and Human Services, Department of State Health Services, Rider 94, subsection a). In total, 3,142 live births occurred to 3,142 women across all 62 birthing centers (Table 1). This represents approximately 1.1 percent of all live births in Texas; 298,673 live births occurred in Texas between September 1, 2013, and May 31, 2014, based on provisional birth certificate data. In addition, two stillbirths occurred and this represents 0.1 percent of all 1,524 fetal deaths that occurred in Texas during this same reporting period based on provisional fetal death certificate data. Birthing centers varied in the number of births, ranging from no births to over 450 births; however, half of the centers reported fewer than 35 births.

Totals were also provided for the number of transfers of women and infants, as well as hospital admissions and visits to the emergency room within 72 hours of delivery (Table 1). A total of 524 women were transferred to another facility for complications, regardless of whether they gave birth at the center. However, only 25 women were admitted to a hospital after delivery at birthing centers, representing 0.8 percent of the total number of deliveries (Table 1). Only 1.6 percent, or 50, of reported infants were transferred by birthing centers to another facility after birth.

Overall, 97.6 percent, or 3,068, of the infants were delivered at term, defined as between 37 and 41 completed weeks of gestation. 62.8 percent, or 1,975, of reported deliveries were at full term, defined as between 39 and 40 completed weeks of gestation. There were 18 preterm births, defined as less than 37 weeks of gestation. This comprised 0.6 percent of total births among all centers combined, and all of these births were at 36 weeks of gestation.

Conclusions

Approximately 1.1 percent of all Texas live births, 3,142 in total, were delivered at Texas licensed birthing centers between September 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. While centers varied in the number of births, half of the centers reported fewer than 35 births. 97.6 percent of infants were delivered between 37 and 41 weeks of gestation, and just 1.6 percent of reported infants were transferred to another facility after birth.

Limitations of Data and Results

This report includes only nine months of data from licensed birthing centers, which represent a small proportion of all deliveries in Texas. Specifically, 3,142 live births were reported at these birthing centers, whereas 298,673 live births occurred in Texas during the same time period. In addition, two stillborn births were reported at these birthing centers whereas 1,524 fetal deaths occurred in Texas during the same time period.

Data were provided by self-report and were only screened for data completeness and consistency. Data were provided by self-report and were only screened for data completeness

and consistency. Data were submitted in aggregated format rather than as individual cases. This was the first time these data were reported by Texas birthing centers. These limitations should be considered when interpreting the results in this report.

Appendix A: Table

Texas Birthing Centers Totals by Measure Representing Operations of 62 Texas Licensed Birthing Centers September 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014

<i>Measure</i>	<i>Total*</i>
1. Number of women who gave birth at birthing centers	3,142
2. Number of live births at birthing centers	3,142
3. Number of births of stillborn infants at birthing centers	2
4. Number of women transferred by birthing centers to another facility for birth or postpartum complications	524
5. Number of infants transferred by birthing centers to another facility for complications	50
6. Number of women with multiple gestations who received treatment at birthing centers:	
Women with two gestations who received treatment	12
Women with three gestations who received treatment	1
Women with four or more gestations who received treatment	0
7. Number of vaginal breech deliveries at birthing centers	14
8. Number of births at birthing centers by women who have had a previous uterine surgery, including a cesarean delivery	102
9. Gestational age of infants at delivery at birthing centers: **	
Births at 36 weeks gestation	18
Births at 37 weeks gestation	151
Births at 38 weeks gestation	339
Births at 39 weeks gestation	814
Births at 40 weeks gestation	1,161
Births at 41 weeks gestation	603
Births at 42 weeks gestation	54
Births at 43 weeks gestation	4
10. Number of infants with an Apgar score of less than three at five minutes after delivery at birthing centers	6
11. Number of women and infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at birthing centers:	
Women admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery	25
Infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery	33
12. Number of women and infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at birthing centers:	
Women who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery	16
Infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery	19

*Total = The number of events for all Texas licensed birthing centers.

** There were no births at less than 36 weeks gestation.

Appendix B: Letter and Form Provided by DSHS Regulatory Services



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August 15, 2013

Dear Birthing Center Provider:

Rider 94 of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Appropriation Bill was passed during the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. This rider requires DSHS to collect aggregate data from all licensed birthing centers in Texas. This data is only required to be collected for each year of the next biennium.

Birthing Centers, as defined by Section 244.002 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, will be required to report the following information for each year of the 2014-2015 biennium:

- the number of women who gave birth at the birthing center;
- the number of live births at the birthing center;
- the number of births of stillborn infants at the birthing center;
- the number of women transferred by the birthing center to another facility for birth or postpartum complications;
- the number of infants transferred by the birthing center to another facility for complications;
- the number of women with multiple gestations who received treatment at the birthing center;
- the number of vaginal breech deliveries at the birthing center;
- the number of births at the birthing center by women who have had a previous uterine surgery, including a cesarean delivery;
- the gestational age of infants at delivery at the birthing center;
- the number of infants with an APGAR score of less than three at five minutes after delivery at the birthing center;
- the number of women and infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center; and
- the number of women and infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center.

Please report the above referenced data for the following periods no later than the designated due dates below:

An Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

Due no later than	Reporting Period
January 31, 2014	September 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
June 30, 2014	January 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014
January 31, 2015	June 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014
June 30, 2015	January 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015

You may submit your data by one of the following options:

- 1) completing a table (survey) on the Internet via <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/vstat/BirthingCenters.shtm>;
- 2) completing the provided spreadsheet in the Excel format and sending it via email to: vstat@dshs.state.tx.us; or
- 3) sending the enclosed report by regular mail to:
VSTAT, Birthing Center Reports
Center for Health Statistics
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347, MC 1898
Austin, TX 78714-9347

If you have any questions on reporting with this form, please contact Dr. Marcia Becker at 512-776-6438 or by e-mail at Marcia.becker@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Renee Clack, L.N.F.A.
Director, Health Care Quality Section
Division for Regulatory Services

ATTACHMENT: Texas Birthing Center Data Report Form



Texas Birthing Center Data Report Form

As Directed by Senate Bill 1 - Appropriations, Rider 94

Facility Name: _____ ID Number: _____ (license#)

Reporting Period: 2013 Sept-Dec
Jan - May 2014
June - Dec 2014
Jan - May 2014

Reporting Contact Name: _____
Reporting Contact Phone: _____
Reporting Contact Email: _____

1) Number of women who gave birth at the birthing center:

2) Number of live births at this birthing center:

3) Number of births of stillborn infants at the birthing center:

4) Number of women transferred by the birthing center to another facility for birth or postpartum complications:

5) Number of infants transferred by the birthing center to another facility for complications:

6) Number of women with multiple gestations who received treatment at the birthing center:

twins
triplets

4 or more

7) Number of vaginal breech deliveries* at the birthing center:

8) Number of births at the birthing center by women who had a previous uterine surgery, including a cesarean delivery*

9) Gestational age of infants* at delivery at the birthing center (number of births in each weekly group):

<input type="text"/>	27 weeks									
18 weeks	19 weeks	20 weeks	21 weeks	22 weeks	23 weeks	24 weeks	25 weeks	26 weeks		
<input type="text"/>	37 weeks									
28 weeks	29 weeks	30 weeks	31 weeks	32 weeks	33 weeks	34 weeks	35 weeks	36 weeks		
<input type="text"/>										
38 weeks	39 weeks	40 weeks	41 weeks	42 weeks	43 weeks					

10) Number of infants with APGAR score of less than three at five minutes after delivery at the birthing center:

11) Number of women and infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery* at the birthing center: women infants

12) Number of women and infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery* at the birthing center: women infants

* live & stillborn

Questions? Call Dr. Marcia Becker 512-776-6438 or email: vstat@dshs.state.tx.us (email electronic Excel file to report) (preferred)

To mail your paper report, send to:

Birthing Center Data Reporting
Center for Health Statistics, VSAT
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347, MC 1898
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Formulario de informe de datos de centro de parto de Texas De conformidad con la Cláusula adicional 94 del Proyecto de Ley 1 del Senado sobre asignaciones

Nombre del centro: _____ Número de identificación: _____ (licencia #)
 Período del informe: _____

septiembre-diciembre de 2013

enero-mayo de 2014

junio-diciembre de 2014

enero-mayo de 2014

Nombre del contacto para los informes: _____

Teléfono del contacto para los informes: _____

Correo electrónico del contacto para los informes: _____

- 1) Número de mujeres que dieron a luz en el centro de parto:
- 2) Número de partos vivos en el centro de parto:
- 3) Número de bebés nacidos muertos en el centro de parto
- 4) Número de mujeres que el centro de parto trasladó a otro centro a causa de complicaciones durante el parto o después del parto
- 5) Número de bebés que el centro de parto trasladó a otro centro a causa de complicaciones.
- 6) Número de mujeres con gestaciones múltiples que recibieron tratamiento en el centro de parto

Gemelos	<input type="text"/>
Trillizos	<input type="text"/>
- 7) Número de partos vaginales en los que el bebé venía de nalgas* en el centro de parto

4 o más

8) Número de partos en el centro de parto de mujeres que habían tenido una cirugía uterina, incluido el parto por cesárea*

9) Edad gestacional de los bebés* al momento del parto en el centro de parto (número de partos por cada grupo por semana):

<input type="text"/>									
18 semanas	19 semanas	20 semanas	21 semanas	22 semanas	23 semanas	24 semanas	25 semanas	26 semanas	27 semanas
<input type="text"/>									
28 semanas	29 semanas	30 semanas	31 semanas	32 semanas	33 semanas	34 semanas	35 semanas	36 semanas	37 semanas
<input type="text"/>									
38 semanas	39 semanas	40 semanas	41 semanas	42 semanas	43 semanas				

10) Número de bebés con una calificación de menos de tres en la escala de Apgar a los cinco minutos de haber nacido en el centro de parto:

11) Número de mujeres y bebés que fueron hospitalizados a más tardar 72 horas después del parto* en el centro de parto: Mujeres Bebés

12) Número de mujeres y bebés que fueron a la sala de emergencias a más tardar 72 horas después del parto* en el centro de parto: Mujeres Bebés

* Nacidos vivos y muertos

Si tiene alguna pregunta llame a la Dra. Marcia Becker al 512-776-6438 o mande un correo electrónico a:

vstat@dshs.state.tx.us

(Presente su informe por correo electrónico como archivo Excel electrónico) (Método preferido)

Para enviar por correo postal su informe impreso, use este domicilio:

Birth Center Data Reporting
Center for Health Statistics, VSAT
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347, MC 1898
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Instructions for Completing the Texas Birthing Center Data Report Form

Due to Rider 94 of the Texas Department of State Health Services Appropriation Bill (passed during the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature), birthing centers are required to submit this form for each year of the next biennium. This bill may be viewed online at http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Appropriations_Bills/83/Conf_Bill.pdf.

All Texas state-licensed birthing centers fall under this requirement. Birthing centers are defined by Section 244.002 of the Texas Health and Safety Code as “a place, facility, or institution at which a woman is scheduled to give birth following a normal, uncomplicated pregnancy, but does not include a hospital or the residence of the woman giving birth.”

This requirement is new and separate from regular submissions of vital records (e.g. birth certificates). Many questions are different from those on the birth certificate, so please follow the directions below.

This form must be submitted by the due date for each reporting period below:

Due no later than	Reporting Period
January 31, 2014	September 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
June 30, 2014	January 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014
January 31, 2015	June 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014
June 30, 2015	January 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015

- You may submit your data by **one of** the following options:
 1. Complete the “fillable” PDF form. This form can be obtained by contacting Jeff Swanson at jeff.swanson@dshs.state.tx.us
 - a. After completing the form, you can submit it by clicking on the “Submit” button on the bottom-right of the third page of the form. You should receive a popup box saying “Submission Successful: Thank you for completing the form.”
 - b. Be sure to save a copy of the PDF for your own records.
 - c. **If you submit multiple versions, only the last one submitted will be used.**
 2. Send the completed form via email to vstat@dshs.state.tx.us.
 - a. To aid processing, please include “Birthing Center Report” in the subject line.
 - b. **If you email multiple versions, only the last one submitted will be used.**
 3. Send the report form by regular mail to:
**VSTAT, Birthing Center Reports
Center for Health Statistics
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347, MC 1898
Austin, TX 78714-9347**

General Instructions

- If possible, please submit the form via option 1 (Internet PDF Submission). Submissions by regular mail are discouraged due to the extra time and processing for mailed documents. If you choose to submit the form by mail, please type your responses or print legibly using permanent blue or black ink.
- Complete each item, following the specific instructions for that item (below). Do not leave blanks unless specifically authorized.
- Do not use correction fluid or make alterations, erasures, or strike-overs.
- Avoid abbreviations, except those recommended in the specific item instructions.
- Verify all names, phone numbers, emails, and data responses before submitting. Be especially careful with the facility name and Facility ID Number.
- Submit responses in items 1-12 data in whole, positive numbers only. No fractions or decimals are allowed.
- Responses must be provided to all questions.

These instructions and the form use the term “stillborn”. The Texas Health and Safety code definition for stillbirth/stillborn is “an unintended, intrauterine fetal death occurring in this state after a gestational age of not less than 20 completed weeks”. This means that, when counting stillborn, only those which were unintended fetal deaths and at least 20 weeks of gestation should be counted. Tex. Health & Safety Code 3 (Vital Statistics) § 192.0022(1).
<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/pdf/HS.192.pdf>

If you have any questions on reporting with this form, please contact Jeff Swanson at (512) 776-2154, or by e-mail at jeff.swanson@dshs.state.tx.us

Item-by-Item Instructions

Facility Name

Enter the whole name of the birthing facility. Select the birthing facility name from the drop-down list or write in the name. Double-check the spelling of the facility.

ID Number

Enter the official state license number of the birthing facility. Select the birthing facility number from the drop-down list or write in the number. Double-check that the number is correct.

Reporting Contact Name, Phone, and Email

Enter the contact information for the person that correspondence should be directed to. This is the person we should contact if we have any questions.

Reporting Period

Select the reporting period for these data. Please select only one and provide numbers only for that reporting period. Note that the reporting periods are not identical.

****Note: All of questions 1-12 refer to the birthing center.
They do not refer to the home or other locations.****

1. Number of women who gave birth at the birthing center

Enter the total number of women who gave birth in the center during the entire reporting period. Include all births, whether live or stillborn. If a woman gave birth to twins, triplets, etc., that woman is still counted as 1. If none, enter 0.

2. Number of live births at this birthing center

Enter the total number of live births in the center during the entire reporting period. Count live births only. For example, single births count as 1, twins as 2, and triplets as 3. If none, enter 0.

3. Number of births of stillborn infants at the birthing center

Enter the total number of stillborn in the center during the entire reporting period. Count stillborn only. If none, enter 0.

4. Number of women transferred by the birthing center to another facility for birth or postpartum complications

Enter the total number of women that were transferred to any other facility during the entire reporting period due to complications during or after birth. If none, enter 0.

5. Number of infants transferred by the birthing center to another facility for complications

Enter the total number of infants that were transferred to any other facility during the entire reporting period due to complications during or after birth. If none, enter 0.

6. Number of women with multiple gestations who received treatment at the birthing center

For this report, treatment means any kind of care provided at the birthing center, including prenatal care and delivery.

There are three boxes for this question, one for women with twins, one for women with triplets, and one for women carrying 4 or more. For each box, enter the total number of women with multiple gestations that delivered, received prenatal care, or both at the birthing center during the entire reporting period. Enter numbers only for confirmed multiple gestations. If none, enter 0.

What do I do if a woman received treatment in two reporting periods?

In this case, use the following table to determine how you will report.

Reporting Periods Receiving Treatment	When to Report
September 2013 – December 2013 & January 2014 – May 2014	Report that woman <u>only</u> in the September 2013 – December 2013 period.
January 2014 – May 2014 & June 2014 – December 2014	Report that woman <u>in both</u> reporting periods.
June 2014 – December 2014 & January 2015 – May 2015	Report that woman <u>only</u> in the June 2014 – December 2014 reporting period.

7. Number of vaginal breech deliveries at the birthing center

Enter the total number of vaginal breech deliveries that occurred at the birthing center during the entire reporting period. Include both live and stillborn vaginal breech deliveries. If none, enter 0.

8. Number of births at the birthing center by women who had a previous uterine surgery, including a cesarean delivery

Enter the total number of births during the entire reporting period that occurred by women that, at any point, had a previous uterine surgery or cesarean delivery. Count the total number of births (i.e. twins count as 2). Include both live and stillborn deliveries. Enter numbers only for confirmed previous uterine surgeries or cesarean deliveries. If none, enter 0.

9. Gestational age of infants at delivery at the birthing center (number of births in each weekly group)

Enter the total number of births by amount of weeks of gestation that occurred during the entire reporting period. Include both live and stillborn deliveries. If unsure of the exact week, use the best estimate. If no births occurred at that many weeks of gestation, enter 0.

For example, during one reporting period a center had 45 births at 40 weeks gestation, 3 births estimated at 40 weeks gestation, and 1 birth at 30 weeks gestation. In this case, the center should enter 48 under “40 weeks” and 1 under “30 weeks”.

If you have any questions on reporting this item, please contact Jeff Swanson at (512) 776-2154, or by e-mail at jeff.swanson@dshs.state.tx.us. You can also send your comments or concerns via email to vstat@dshs.state.tx.us

10. Number of infants with APGAR score of less than three at five minutes after delivery at the birthing center

Enter the total number of infants, during the entire reporting period, that received an APGAR score of 2 or less when tested at five minutes after delivery. If none, enter 0.

11. Number of women and infants admitted to a hospital not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center

Enter the total number of women and the total number of infants that were admitted to a hospital within 72 hours of delivery. Enter the number of women admitted under the box labeled “Women” (include women with both live and stillborn births) and the number of infants admitted under the box labeled “Infants”. Only count individuals that were actually admitted to the hospital. If none, enter 0.

12. Number of women and infants who visited an emergency room not later than the 72nd hour after delivery at the birthing center

Enter the total number of women and the total number of infants that went to an emergency room within 72 hours of delivery. Enter the number of women admitted under the box labeled “Women” (include women with both live and stillborn births) and the number of infants admitted under the box labeled “Infants”. Only count individuals that actually visited an emergency room. If none, enter 0.

Remember to submit the report by the due date, and remember to save a copy for your own records!

Last updated: May 20, 2014

Instrucciones para llenar el Formulario de informe de datos de centro de parto de Texas

A raíz de la Cláusula adicional 94 del Proyecto de Ley sobre asignaciones para el Departamento Estatal de Servicios de Salud de Texas (aprobado en la 83.^a Sesión Regular de la Asamblea Legislativa de Texas), se exige que los centros de parto presenten este formulario cada año del próximo bienio. El proyecto de ley en inglés está disponible en línea en http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/Appropriations_Bills/83/Conf_Bill.pdf.

Todos los centros de parto con licencia estatal de Texas están sujetos a este requisito. El término centros de parto se define en la sección 244.002 del Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas como "los lugares, los centros o las instituciones en los que se programa que las mujeres den a luz después de ellas tener embarazos normales y sin complicaciones, y no incluyen los hospitales ni las residencias de las mujeres que dan a luz".

Este requisito es nuevo y el formulario se presenta por separado y no junto con los registros vitales (p. ej. las actas de nacimiento). Ya que muchas de las preguntas son distintas a las que aparecen en el acta de nacimiento, por favor siga las siguientes indicaciones.

El formulario debe presentarse antes de la fecha límite de cada uno de los siguientes periodos de informe:

Debe presentarse antes del	Periodo del informe
31 de enero, 2014	1 de septiembre, 2013 al 31 de diciembre, 2013
30 de junio, 2014	1 de enero, 2014 al 31 de mayo, 2014
31 de enero, 2015	1 de junio, 2014 al 31 de diciembre, 2014
30 de junio, 2015	1 de enero, 2015 al 31 de mayo, 2015

- Puede presentar los datos mediante **una de** las siguientes opciones:
 1. Complete el formulario PDF "rellenable". Este formulario se puede obtener poniéndose en contacto con Jeff Swanson en jeff.swanson@dshs.state.tx.us.
 - a. Después de llenar el formulario, puede enviarlo haciendo clic en el botón "Submit" en la esquina inferior derecha del formulario. Debe aparecer una casilla emergente que dice "Submission Successful: Thank you for completing the form."
 - b. Asegúrese de quedarse una copia del archivo PDF para sus archivos.
 - c. **Si envía múltiples versiones, sólo usaremos la última que nos envíe.**
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 - a. Para facilitar la tramitación, por favor incluya "Birthing Center Report" en la línea de asunto.
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 3. Mande el formulario de informe adjunto por correo postal regular a:

VSTAT, Birthing Center Reports
Center for Health Statistics
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 149347, MC 1898
Austin, TX 78714-9347

Instrucciones generales

- De ser posible, por favor envíe el formulario usando la opción 1 (envío de archivo PDF por Internet). Recomendamos que no envíe el formulario por correo postal por el tiempo extra y los trámites extras que los documentos enviados por correo postal requieren. Si elige enviar el formulario por correo postal, por favor escriba sus respuestas a máquina o en letra de molde de forma legible usando tinta permanente azul o negra.
- Llene cada punto, siguiendo las instrucciones específicas para dicho punto (a continuación). No deje espacios en blanco a menos que esté específicamente autorizado.
- No use líquido corrector ni haga modificaciones, no borre ni tache.
- Evite las abreviaturas, a excepción de las que se recomiendan en las instrucciones específicas para el punto.
- Verifique todos los nombres, los números de teléfono, los correos electrónicos y las respuestas con datos antes de enviarlos. Tenga cuidado particularmente con el nombre del centro y el número de identificación de centro.
- Presente respuestas para los puntos 1-12 en forma de números enteros positivos. No se permiten fracciones ni decimales.
- Debe responder todas las preguntas.

En las instrucciones y en el formulario se usa el término "nacido muerto". En el Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas, la definición del término nacido muerto es "la muerte fetal intrauterina no planeada que ocurre en este estado después de una edad gestacional de no menos de 20 semanas completas". Eso significa que, al contar a los bebés nacidos muertos, sólo deben contarse aquellas muertes que fueron muertes fetales no planeadas y ocurrieron después de al menos 20 semanas de gestación. Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas, título 3 (Estadísticas vitales) § 192.0022(1). Archivo PDF en inglés
<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/pdf/HS.192.pdf>.

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Instrucciones punto por punto

Nombre del centro

Ponga el nombre completo del centro de parto. Verifique la ortografía del nombre de su centro.

Número de id.

Ponga el número de licencia estatal oficial del centro de parto. Verifique que el número sea el correcto.

Nombre, teléfono y correo electrónico del contacto para los informes

Ponga la información de contacto de la persona a quien debe dirigirse la correspondencia. Ella es la persona a quien deberíamos contactar si tenemos alguna pregunta.

Periodo del informe

Seleccione el periodo de informe de estos datos. Seleccione sólo uno y provea sólo las cifras que correspondan a dicho periodo de informe. Tome en cuenta que los periodos de informe no son idénticos.

****Nota: los puntos 1-12 todos se refieren al centro de parto. Estos no se refieren a los hogares ni a otros lugares.****

1. Número de mujeres que dieron a luz en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de mujeres que dieron a luz en el centro durante todo el periodo de informe. Incluya todos los partos, ya sea que los bebés hayan nacido vivos o muertos. Aunque la mujer haya tenido gemelos, trillizos, etc., ella cuenta como sólo 1. Si ninguna dio a luz en el centro de parto, ponga 0.

2. Número de partos vivos en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de partos vivos que hubo en el centro durante todo el periodo de informe. Cuente sólo los partos vivos. Por ejemplo, los partos de un solo bebé cuentan como 1, los de gemelos como 2 y los de trillizos como 3. Si no hubo ninguno, ponga 0.

3. Número de bebés nacidos muertos en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de bebés nacidos muertos en el centro durante todo el periodo de informe. Cuente sólo a los bebés nacidos muertos. Si no hubo ninguno, ponga 0.

4. Número de mujeres que el centro de parto trasladó a otro centro a causa de complicaciones durante el parto o después del parto

Ponga el número total de mujeres que fueron trasladadas a cualquier otro centro durante todo el periodo de informe a causa de complicaciones durante el parto o después del parto. Si ninguna mujer fue trasladada, ponga 0.

5. Número de bebés que el centro de parto trasladó a otro centro a causa de complicaciones

Ponga el número total de bebés que fueron trasladados a cualquier otro centro durante todo el periodo de informe a causa de complicaciones durante el parto o después del parto. Si ningún bebé fue trasladado, ponga 0.

6. Número de mujeres con gestaciones múltiples que recibieron tratamiento en el centro de parto

En lo que respecta a este informe, tratamiento significa cualquier tipo de atención provista en el centro de parto, incluida la atención prenatal y el parto.

Hay tres casillas bajo este punto, una para las mujeres embarazadas de gemelos, otra para las mujeres embarazadas de trillizos y otra para las mujeres embarazadas de cuatrillizos o más de 4 bebés. En cada casilla, ponga el número total de mujeres con gestaciones múltiples que dieron a luz, recibieron atención prenatal o ambas cosas en el centro de parto durante todo el periodo de informe. Ponga sólo las cifras que correspondan a las gestaciones múltiples confirmadas. Si no hubo ninguna gestación múltiple confirmada, ponga 0.

¿Qué debo hacer si la mujer recibió tratamiento en dos periodos de informe distintos?
En ese caso, use una siguiente tabla para determinar cómo hacer los informes.

Periodos de informe en los que la mujer recibió tratamiento	Cuándo debe hacer informes
Septiembre de 2013 a diciembre de 2013 y enero de 2014 a mayo de 2014 →	Incluya a la mujer en el informe para <u>sólo</u> el periodo de septiembre de 2013 a diciembre de 2013.
Enero de 2014 a mayo de 2014 y junio de 2014 a diciembre de 2014 →	Incluya a la mujer en el informe para <u>ambos</u> periodos.
Junio de 2014 a diciembre de 2014 y enero de 2015 a mayo de 2015 →	Incluya a la mujer en el informe para <u>sólo</u> el periodo de informe de junio de 2014 a diciembre de 2014.

7. Número de partos vaginales en los que el bebé venía de nalgas en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de partos vaginales en los que el bebé venía de nalgas que ocurrieron en el centro de parto durante todo el periodo de informe. Incluya los partos vaginales en los que el bebé venía de nalgas y nació vivo y en los que nació muerto. Si no hubo ninguno, ponga 0.

8. Número de partos en el centro de parto de mujeres que habían tenido una cirugía uterina, incluido el parto por cesárea

Ponga el número total de partos que ocurrieron durante todo el periodo de informe de mujeres que, en algún momento, tuvieron una cirugía uterina o un parto por cesárea. Cuento el número total de partos (p. ej. los gemelos cuentan como 2). Incluya tanto a los bebés que nacieron vivos como a los que nacieron muertos. Ponga sólo las cifras que correspondan a las cirugías uterinas y los partos por cesárea confirmados. Si no hubo ninguno, ponga 0.

9. Edad gestacional de los bebés al momento del parto en el centro de parto (número de partos por cada grupo por semana)

Ponga el número total de partos, según el número de semanas de gestación, que ocurrieron durante todo el periodo de informe. Incluya tanto a los bebés que nacieron vivos como a los que nacieron muertos. Si no está seguro de la semana exacta, use la mejor aproximación. Si no ocurrió ningún parto en dada semana de gestación, ponga 0.

Por ejemplo, en un periodo de informe de un centro hubo 45 partos a las 40 semanas de gestación, 3 partos que se calcula fueron a las 40 semanas de gestación y 1 parto a las 30 semanas de gestación. En ese caso, el centro debe poner 48 bajo la casilla "40 semanas" y 1 bajo la casilla "30 semanas".

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10. Número de bebés con una calificación de menos de tres en la escala de Apgar a los cinco minutos de haber nacido en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de bebés, para todo el periodo de informe, que recibieron una calificación de 2 o menos al hacerseles la prueba APGAR a los cinco minutos de haber nacido. Si no hubo ninguno, ponga 0.

11. Número de mujeres y bebés que fueron hospitalizados a más tardar 72 horas después del parto en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de mujeres y el número total de bebés que fueron hospitalizados en las 72 horas siguientes al parto. Ponga el número de mujeres hospitalizadas bajo la casilla "Mujeres" (incluya a las mujeres cuyos bebés nacieron vivos y a las mujeres cuyos bebés nacieron muertos) y el número de bebés hospitalizados bajo la casilla "Bebés". Cuente sólo a los individuos que en realidad fueron hospitalizados. Si ninguno fue hospitalizado, ponga 0.

12. Número de mujeres y bebés que fueron a la sala de emergencias a más tardar 72 horas después del parto en el centro de parto

Ponga el número total de mujeres y el número total de bebés que fueron a la sala de emergencias en las 72 horas siguientes al parto. Ponga el número de mujeres hospitalizadas bajo la casilla "Mujeres" (incluya a las mujeres cuyos bebés nacieron vivos y a las mujeres cuyos bebés nacieron muertos) y el número de bebés hospitalizados bajo la casilla "Bebés". Cuente sólo a los individuos que en realidad fueron a la sala de emergencias. Si ninguno fue a la sala de emergencias, ponga 0.

Recuerde presentar el informe antes de la fecha límite y recuerde quedarse una copia para sus archivos.

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