

**Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**  
**Division 30—Division of Regulation and Licensure**  
**Chapter 30 — Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Abortion Facilities**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**19 CSR 30-30.100 General Design and New Construction Standards for Birthing Centers**

The Department of Health and Senior Services is amending subsections (1)(A) and (1)(B).

*PURPOSE: This proposed amendment removes the requirement that the Department of Health and Senior Services review and approve birthing center construction and renovation plans submitted to it.*

**(1) Planning and Construction Procedures.**

(A) Any birthing center constructed or renovated after the date of the adoption of this rule shall have plans and specifications prepared by an architect registered in Missouri. These plans and specifications shall be submitted to the department *[for review and approval]* prior to beginning of construction. The design and construction of birthing centers shall conform to the most stringent requirements of this rule and the local governing building code.

(B) The Department of Health shall be notified in writing within five (5) days after construction begins. If construction of the project is not started within one (1) year *[after the date of the approval of the plans and specifications]*, the plans and specifications shall be resubmitted to the Department of Health *[for its approval]* and shall be amended, if necessary, to comply with the then current rules before construction work begins.

*AUTHORITY: section 197.225, RSMo 1994. \* Emergency rule filed May 1, 1995, effective May 10, 1995, expired Sept. 7, 1995. Original rule filed May 1, 1995, effective Nov. 30, 1995. Emergency amendment filed June 19, 1998, effective July 1, 1998, expired Feb. 25, 1999. Amended: Filed June 19, 1998, effective Jan. 30, 1999. Amended: File July 23, 2026*

*\*Original authority 1975, amended 1986.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with Mindy Laughlin at [Mindy.Laughlin@health.mo.gov](mailto:Mindy.Laughlin@health.mo.gov) or Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-0570. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.*