

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.20721 Discharge, follow-up, and evaluation requirements.**

Sec. 20721. (1) A freestanding birth center shall not discharge a patient from the birth center until the patient is clinically stable and has met discharge criteria established by the freestanding birth center.

(2) A freestanding birth center shall ensure that a program for follow-up care and postpartum evaluation is planned for each patient.

(3) A freestanding birth center shall ensure that both of the following are available to a patient of the freestanding birth center 24 hours a day and 7 days a week:

(a) Consultation with a health care provider by telephone.

(b) A health care provider or other personnel who are available on call to provide intrapartum care to the patient.

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