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TO: Freestanding Birth Centers
Providers of Services Delivered at Freestanding Birth Centers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Rules for Freestanding Birth Center Services

As a result of five-year rule review, rules 5160-18-01 and 5160-4-36 of the Ohio Administrative Code have been rescinded, consolidated, and replaced with one new rule numbered 5160-18-01 for Freestanding Birth Center (FBC) services.

The new rule incorporates two changes of significance:

- Section 1905(l)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act requires distinct payments for both facility and professional services rendered in a FBC setting. New rule 5160-18-01 states explicitly that a separate professional payment amount, distinct from and in addition to the facility payment amount, may be made for the services of professionals working in FBCs. Actual payment, however, remains the same.
- The appendix to rule 5160-18-01 has been rescinded. New rule 5160-18-01 instead includes a paragraph on claims payment. Payment for a covered item or service is the lesser of the submitted charge or the maximum amount established in accordance with the relevant section of the Administrative Code.

The new rule takes effect for dates of service beginning January 1, 2018.

Additional Information

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