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# MN Chapter of the American Association of Birth Centers

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Every year, **more and more Minnesotans choose birth center care**, and freestanding birth centers are particularly needed given the growth of maternity care deserts in Minnesota. However, **birth centers in MN are struggling to sustain and grow** due to inadequate reimbursements and payment models that do not align with the birth center model of care.

**MN-AABC brings birth centers together across the state to raise birth center payment rates and create equity and longevity in our workforce.** This year, we are advocating for increased birth center facility fees, adequate reimbursement for essential birth center services, and a state implementation of the federal Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model that aligns with birth center care.

### #1: Increase birth center facility fees for Medical Assistance.

Transfer Facility Fee	—————→	<b>100%</b>	of the hospital facility fee cost, trended to current
Newborn Facility Fee	—————→	<b>100%</b>	of the average room and board for a hospital stay
Patient Facility Fee	—————→	<b>100%</b>	of the hospital facility fee cost, trended to current

### #2: Provide adequate reimbursement for birth center services.

Ensure fair reimbursement for services that are currently unreimbursed or under reimbursed within the state's Medical Assistance program, including:



Newborn Professional Care Services



Required State Screenings



Home Visits

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