

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