

**Cover Summary of Proposed Administrative Rules/Regulation
Arkansas Department of Health**

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: *Rules for Free Standing Birthing Centers in Arkansas*

1. Subject: Rule revisions for Acts 313, 830, 848
2. Amends existing rules
3. Authority: Ark. Code Ann. § 20-9-401 *et seq.*
4. Purpose:
 - *To require posting of a written notice that attacking a healthcare professional is a felony (Act 313)*
 - *To amend the patient right to know regarding licensure of a healthcare provider (Act 830)*
 - *To clarify the performance of an abortion to save the life or a pregnant woman in a medical emergency may be performed only in a hospital or emergency room (Act 848)*
5. Changes as listed:
 - Section 6.R. – amended to state abortion can only be performed to save the life of a pregnant woman and may only be performed in a hospital or emergency room.
 - Section 7.S – added requirement for written notice regarding attacking a healthcare professional.
 - Section 7.T – added requirement regarding healthcare provider not misleading the public regarding licensure status.
6. Financial impact: No financial impact.
7. Public Hearing: *N/A; Public comment period 12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023(est.)*
8. Proposed effective date: *March 1, 2024*

A strike-through copy of the proposed changes is attached.