**Section 264.1000 Scope and Purpose**

a) The purpose of this Part is to implement the Birth Center Licensing Act, which requires birth centers to be licensed by the Department.

b) This Part establishes general provisions, licensing procedures, building requirements, enforcement provisions, and operational and clinical standards for the provision and coordination of treatment and services in birth centers.

c) *Nothing in this* Part *shall be construed to prohibit a facility licensed as a birth center from offering other reproductive health care subject to any applicable laws, rules, regulations, or licensing requirements for those services.* *In this* subsection (c), *"reproductive health care" has the same meaning as used in* *Section 1-10 of the Reproductive Health Act*. (Section 30(b) of the Act)