

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1739 provides that on the effective date of this measure, the State Department of Health shall cease licensing birthing centers. The measure modifies the requirement for health insurers to provide coverage for postpartum home care. The measure provides that such coverage shall be extended to births made at a birthing center not licensed as a hospital but is accredited as a freestanding birth center by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers. Services at such centers must be provided by a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as a Certified Nurse-Midwife, a Certified Professional Midwife or Certified Midwife, or a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.

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