Birth Center Accreditation Readiness Consulting (CABC)

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What to have ready

Each item below ties to CABC's accreditation process page, the Accreditation Agreement v.2026.09 or CABC's milestones for first-time accreditation, page opened October 3, 2026.

- Your copy of the CABC Indicators for Compliance, or the AMU Indicators if you are a hospital unit, and a list of which Indicators apply to you (CABC, Accreditation Process [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/accreditation-process/]).
- Your state's position: whether CABC accreditation is a licensure requirement or carries deeming authority where you operate (same page), and your state's own licensing rules.
- Your contract terms with Medicaid and private payers, since CABC states that many Medicaid programs and several private payers require its accreditation (same page).
- Your opening date and birth count, which CABC uses to confirm whether you start at 1-year or 3-year accreditation (CABC Accreditation Agreement [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/BCAgreement-Options-2026-0901.pdf]; CABC, Milestones [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Milestones-for-first-time-accreditation.pdf]). The Agreement's two thresholds can overlap, so confirm your starting point with CABC before budgeting; IHS drafts the question, your center sends it.
- A target site visit month 6 to 12 months out (CABC's process page says to start at least six months before your desired site visit month), with the Initial Registration form, signed Accreditation Agreement and first half of the Initial Registration fee due 6-12 months before the visit (CABC, Milestones [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Milestones-for-first-time-accreditation.pdf]).
- The documents on CABC's Document Checklist, due 2 to 3 months before the site visit (same document).
- Chart, personnel file and quality assurance records ready for review, since the site visit covers chart review, personnel file review, staff and stakeholder interviews, a facility walkthrough and the quality assurance program (CABC, Accreditation Process [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/accreditation-process/]).
- Your transfer agreements and the clinical protocols your midwives and physicians have approved.
- A process for notifying CABC of a sentinel event within 14 days, the deadline the Agreement sets (CABC Accreditation Agreement [https://birthcenteraccreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/BCAgreement-Options-2026-0901.pdf]).