

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 887	House Committee:	PASSED 2/18/25 (19-0)
Committee:	Health and Human Services	House Floor:	PASSED 3/24/25 (95-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Shannon Lundgren	Senate Floor:	PASSED 4/15/25 (47-0)
Date:	May 1, 2025	Governor:	SIGNED 5/1/25
Staff:	Natalie Ginty (5-2063)		

Birth Centers and Certificate of Need

- This bill removes the requirement that birth centers must obtain a certificate of need prior to opening or expanding their service.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 10A.711)

Strikes the definition of “birth center” in the Health Facilities Council code section.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 10A.711)

Strikes birth center from the definition of “institutional health facility”.

Section 3 (Iowa Code 135.119)

Strikes the definition of “birth center” in the shaken baby syndrome prevention program code section.

Section 4 (Iowa Code 135.131)

Moves the definition of birth center to the universal newborn and infant hearing screening code section.

Section 5 (Iowa Code 135P.1)

Updates the definition of “health facility” in the adverse health care incidents code section to also include birth centers. Conforming change based on the definition change in Section 2.