

Bloomington Normal Birth Center Summary

Family-centered and patient-directed, the midwifery model of care is a safe and proven, centuries old, alternative to hospital care for low-risk pregnancies and is still the main model of care in most of the world. The opening of the Bloomington Normal Birth Center (BNBC) makes that safe, lower-cost model of care available to families in our community and complements existing hospital-based care.

Bloomington Normal Birth Center was licensed on 9/23/2016 by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Birth Center is also accredited on 11/16/2016 by the Commission for the AABC (Accreditation of Birth Centers), which means it meets or exceeds the care and administration standards set by the AABC. Midwives at Bloomington Normal Birth Center abide by all the state and accreditation standards and practice guidelines.

Laboring and giving birth under the guidance of a midwife in a birth center does not mean sacrificing appropriate care or safety. Low intervention does not mean no care or oversight. The Birth Center is equipped with the necessary medications, supplies, instruments, equipment, and safety protocols for labor, birth, post-partum and newborn care.

The Bloomington Normal Birth Center is In-Network with most insurance companies for both professional and facility fees, including Illinois State programs. Unfortunately, it took almost 3 years to secure facility contracts with some of the insurance companies, due to no precedent. There is currently one facility contracts that we are unable acquire.

The first baby was born on 10/26/2016, with our 100th baby born on 12/21/2017, to date we have delivered 284 babies, experiencing a 21% growth rate for 2019 and on target for the same or better growth rate projections for 2020. The Birth Center has a 5.19% Cesarean Rate, compared to the national C-Section Rate of 32.7%.

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Birth Stats	CABC	BNBC
Attrition	19.00%	18.93%
Pre-Admit Transfer	18.00%	12.85%
Intrapartum Transfer	12.00%	10.50%
Newborn Transfer	1.90%	0.42%
Postpartum Transfer	2.50%	1.68%
C-Section Rate	6.00%	4.62%
Vaginal Birth	93.00%	95.38%
Total Admitted		208
Registered		354
Patients Created		585
	as of	4/2/19

CABC = Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers

BNBC = Bloomington Normal Birth Center

23 Hospital Transfers since October 27, 2016

- 20 Intrapartum
- 2 Postpartum
- 1 Neonatal
- 70.3% transfer to OSF St Joseph are outside of the Bloomington-Normal Area (Champaign, Danville, Heyworth, Lena, Lexington, Lincoln, Metamora, Peoria, Pontiac, Princeton, Secor, Springfield, Tremont, Urbana, Warrensburg, Washington & West Peoria); this is bringing new patients into your hospital that would not normally get their health care services in Bloomington/Normal
- We have patients traveling from as far North as Rockford, as well as South past St. Louis, along with West from La Crosse and just recently a patient is coming East, across state lines from Avon, Indiana for her prenatal care and the delivery. (See map)

2019 Patient are Traveling from Where?

