



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF HEALTH LICENSURE AND REGULATION
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
665 MAINSTREAM DRIVE, SECOND FLOOR
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243
(615) 741-7221

**BIRTHING CENTER
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP PROCEDURES**

1. Submit a notarized application along with the appropriate fee and a letter of intent to the address at the top of the application. The letter of intent should include the name of the facility, the name of the seller of the facility, acknowledgment by the seller authorizing the sale of the facility's operations and the projected date of the Change of Ownership (CHOW). Submission of a CHOW application indicates the acquisition and sale of the entire facility operations including the associated license.
2. A letter will be sent acknowledging the receipt of the application and fee. Once the change of ownership has occurred and you receive the closing documents, you will need to send a copy of the bill of sale or the documents that indicate that you are now the owner of the facility to:

Office of Health Care Facilities
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

3. This office will notify the regional office in your area to request their recommendation for the intended CHOW. The regional office will review the facility file to first see if an annual survey has been conducted within the previous fifteen (15) months with no outstanding deficiencies, and secondly to determine survey performance history including both annual and complaint surveys. If an annual survey has been conducted in the last fifteen (15) months and the facility's survey history including complaint surveys is satisfactory, a form recommending approval of the CHOW will be submitted to the central office in Nashville. If an annual survey has not been conducted within the previous fifteen (15) months, an on-site survey of the facility will be conducted. The regional office **will not** recommend approval of the CHOW until an on-site survey is conducted with substantial compliance unless the facility holds accreditation from a federally recognized accrediting body. Deficiencies from either this on-site survey or a previous survey must be corrected before the regional office will recommend approval of the CHOW.
4. Once the recommendation **and** the signed closing document(s) with the effective date of the CHOW are received in the central office, a letter will be forwarded to you initially approving the CHOW. The effective date of the CHOW will be the date of the closing document(s) is signed or the date the regional office recommends approval of the CHOW, if occurring after the closing date. The application will then be presented to the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities at the next regularly scheduled board meeting for ratification. If the Board ratifies the approval of the CHOW the license number listed above will become your permanent license number and a letter will be forwarded to you within three working days notifying you of the Board's final decision. You should receive your wall license within seven (7) to ten (10) days thereafter.
5. If the Board does not ratify the initial approval of the CHOW, that initial authorization shall cease to be effective. A letter will be mailed to you providing an explanation and specific instructions as to any actions you may take to have the decision reviewed.

All applicable laws, rules, policies, and guidelines affecting your practice are available for viewing at <http://tn.gov/health/topic/hcf-professionals>. Please check this website periodically for updates.



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Name of the Facility/Agency _____

Location of the Facility:

Street _____ City _____

County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

Twenty-four (24) Hour Emergency Phone Number (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Administrator Information:

Administrator _____

Have you (Administrator) ever been convicted of a crime involving injury or harm to person(s), financial or business management (e.g., assault, battery, robbery, embezzlement or fraud)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what charge(s)? _____

Location of Conviction _____ Date _____
(City) (County) (State)

Mailing address if different from the Facility location address:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ownership of Building:

Name _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FEE SCHEDULE: (FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE) \$1,080

6. a. Have any owners of the disclosing entity ever been denied a license, had a license suspended or revoke, had a suspension of admissions or paid any civil monitory penalties for a health care facility in Tennessee or in any other state? Yes _____ No _____
- b. If yes, where? _____ When? _____
- c. For what reason? _____

VERIFICATION BY NOTARY PUBLIC:

Signee for application certifies that he or she is of responsible character and able to comply with the minimum standards and regulations established by Tennessee pertaining to the type of facility or agency for which application for licensure is made and with the rules promulgated under Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) § 68-11-201.

Signee also certifies that a policy has been implemented to inform all employees of their obligation under TCA § 71-6-103 to report incidents of abuse or neglect.

 Applicant Signature Title or Position Date

STATE OF TENNESSEE

County of _____

The above named applicant (print name) _____, being by me duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and says that he/she has read the forgoing application and knows the contents thereof: that the statements concerning the above named facility or agency, therein contained, are correct and true to his/her own knowledge.

Subscribed to and sworn to before this _____ day of _____
 Month Year

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____