



## KEY BIRTH DATA INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Completing the facility worksheet for 23 key variables for the Florida Birth certificate



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SECTION	ITEM	SUBITEM	SOURCES
Child	Birth Weight		1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery Record
Pregnancy History	First Prenatal Visit		1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal Record
	Number of Prenatal Visits		1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal Record
	Prepregnancy weight		1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Physician/nurse admission note
	Weight at delivery		1 <sup>st</sup> L&D nursing admission triage form 2 <sup>nd</sup> Admission H&P
Medical and Health Information	Risk Factors in this Pregnancy	Prepregnancy diabetes	1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record 2 <sup>nd</sup> L&D nursing admission triage form 3 <sup>rd</sup> Admission H&P 4 <sup>th</sup> Delivery record
		Gestational diabetes	
		Prepregnancy or chronic hypertension	
		Gestational hypertension	
		Hypertension-eclampsia	
		Previous preterm birth	1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record 2 <sup>nd</sup> L&D nursing admission triage form
	Characteristics of Labor and Delivery	Induction of labor	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Physician progress note; 3 <sup>rd</sup> L&D nursing admission triage form
		Augmentation of labor	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Physician progress note
		Antenatal corticosteroids	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maternal medication record 3 <sup>rd</sup> Newborn admission H&P 4 <sup>th</sup> Maternal physician order sheet 5 <sup>th</sup> Prenatal care records
		Antibiotics received by the mother during labor	
	Method of delivery	Fetal presentation at birth	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Newborn Admission H&P 3 <sup>rd</sup> Recovery room record
		Final route and method of delivery-Cesarean	
	Newborn	Obstetric Estimate of Gestation	
APGAR score			1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record
Breastfeeding at discharge			1 <sup>st</sup> L&D summary record 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maternal progress note 3 <sup>rd</sup> Newborn flow record 4 <sup>th</sup> Lactation consult
Abnormal Conditions of the Newborn		Assisted ventilation required immediately following delivery	1 <sup>st</sup> Labor delivery summary
		Assisted ventilation required for ≥ 30 minutes	1 <sup>st</sup> Newborn respiratory care flow sheet
		Assisted ventilation required for ≥ 6 hours	

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<b>1. Birth weight</b>				
The weight of the infant at birth.	Item #4	Enter the weight of the infant in grams. If weight in grams is not available, enter the birth weight in pounds and ounces. Please do not convert. This is the infant's weight at delivery, NOT at discharge.	BW–Birthweight Gms–Grams g-grams kg-Kilograms Lbs-Pounds oz-Ounces	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i> : - Infant data
<b>2. Date of first prenatal care visit</b>				
The date a physician or other health care professional first examined or counseled the pregnant woman for the pregnancy.	Item #36b	<p>Enter the month, day, and year of the first prenatal care visit.</p> <p>If date information is incomplete, enter all parts of the date that are known. Report "unknown" for any parts of the date that are missing.</p> <p>If mother's earliest prenatal care records are not available (i.e., the date of the first prenatal care visit is unavailable), report "unknown."</p> <p>If "no prenatal care," check the box and enter "0" for item "total number of prenatal care visits."</p>	PNC–Prenatal care	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record <i>under</i>– -Intake information -Initial physical examination -Prenatal visit flow sheet -Current pregnancy</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Initial physical examination</p>

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<b>3. Total number of prenatal visits</b>				
The total number of visits recorded in the most current medical record available. A prenatal visit is one in which the health care professional examines or counsels the pregnant woman for her pregnancy.	Item #36d	<p>Do not estimate additional visits when the prenatal record is not current. Do not include visits for classes, laboratory or other testing in which a health care professional did not individually examine or counsel the pregnant woman.</p> <p>If the prenatal care record is not in the mother's file or if it does not contain the complete number of prenatal visits, the prenatal care provider should be contacted to obtain the most current record and/or information. If after attempting to contact the provider, the prenatal record is still unobtainable or if the information is not available, the mother should be consulted. However, the mother should NOT be the primary source of information.</p>	PNC–Prenatal care	1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record <i>under</i> : - 'Prenatal visit flow sheet' (count visits)

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<b>4. Prepregnancy weight</b>				
The mother's weight before current pregnancy started.	Item #39a	<p>Use pounds in whole numbers only. Do not enter fractions or decimals. If weight is 125 lbs. 4 ½ oz, enter 125 lbs. only. If weight is 155.75 lbs. enter 155 lbs. only.</p> <p>If the prenatal care record is not in the mother's file, the prenatal care provider should be contacted to retrieve the prenatal record. Only if the prenatal care record is unobtainable or the information is unavailable, the physician/nurse admission note should be consulted. If these notes are not available, then the mother should be consulted. If she received no prenatal care, the same process of reviewing the admission notes before asking the mother should be used. The mother should NOT be the primary source of information.</p>	Wgt–Weight	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Prenatal record</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Physician/nurse admission note</p>
<b>5. Weight at delivery</b>				
The mother's weight at the time of delivery	Item #39b	<p>Use pounds in whole numbers only. Do not enter fractions or decimals. If weight is 125 lbs. 4 ½ oz, enter 125 lbs. only. If weight is 155.75 lbs. enter 155 lbs. only.</p>	Wgt–Weight	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Labor and delivery nursing admission triage form <i>under:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physical assessment</li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Admission history and physical (H&amp;P) <i>under:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physical examination</li> </ul>

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<b>6. Pregnancy risk factors: Prepregnancy diabetes</b>				
Glucose intolerance diagnosed BEFORE this pregnancy.	Item #43	If diabetes is present prior to becoming pregnant, check pre-pregnancy diabetes, NOT gestational. Do not check both.	<p>Prepregnancy: DM– Diabetes mellitus Type 1 diabetes IDDM–Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus Class B DM Class C DM Class D DM Class F DM Class R DM Class H DM</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical history</li> <li>- Previous OB history <i>under</i>: * summary of previous Pregnancies</li> <li>- Problem list or–initial risk Assessment</li> <li>- Historical risk summary</li> <li>- Complications of previous pregnancies</li> <li>- Factors this pregnancy</li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Labor and delivery nursing admission triage form <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical complications</li> <li>- Comments</li> </ul> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Admission history and physical (H&amp;P) <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current pregnancy history</li> <li>- Medical history</li> <li>- Previous OB history <i>under</i>: pregnancy related</li> <li>- Problem list or findings</li> </ul> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maternal OB or labor summary</li> <li>- Labor and delivery admission history</li> <li>- Labor summary record</li> </ul>

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7. Pregnancy risk factors: Gestational diabetes				1 <sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record <i>under</i> : - Medical history - Previous OB history <i>under</i> : * summary of previous Pregnancies - Problem list or—initial risk Assessment - Historical risk summary - Complications of previous pregnancies - Factors this pregnancy  2 <sup>nd</sup> Labor and delivery nursing admission triage form <i>under</i> : - Medical complications - Comments  3 <sup>rd</sup> Admission history and physical (H&P) <i>under</i> : - Current pregnancy history - Medical history - Previous OB history <i>under</i> : pregnancy related - Problem list or findings  4 <sup>th</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i> : - Maternal OB or labor summary - Labor and delivery admission history - Labor summary record
Glucose intolerance that was diagnosed DURING this pregnancy.	Item #43	If diabetes is present only during this pregnancy, check gestational diabetes NOT pre-pregnancy. Do not check both.	Gestational: GDM—Gestational diabetes mellitus IDGDM—Insulin dependent gestational diabetes mellitus Pregnancy-Induced Diabetes Class A1 or A2 diabetes mellitus	
8. Pregnancy risk factors: Pre-pregnancy or chronic hypertension				
Elevation of blood pressure above normal for age and physiological condition diagnosed PRIOR to the onset of this pregnancy.	Item #43	If hypertension was present prior to this pregnancy, check pre-pregnancy NOT gestational hypertension. Do not check both.	Prepregnancy: - CHT—Chronic hypertension - Benign essential hypertension - Essential hypertension - Preexisting hypertension	
9. Pregnancy risk factors: Gestational hypertension				
Elevation of blood pressure above normal for age and physiological condition diagnosed DURING this pregnancy.	Item #43	If hypertension is present only during this pregnancy, check gestational NOT pre-pregnancy or chronic hypertension. Do not check both.	Gestational: Preeclampsia PIH— Pregnancy-induced hypertension HELLP Syndrome	
10. Pregnancy risk factors: Hypertension-eclampsia				
Hypertension and generalized seizure or coma.	Item #43	Eclampsia can be checked with either pre-pregnancy or gestational hypertension.	Eclamptic seizure	

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<b>11. Pregnancy risk factors: Previous preterm birth</b>				
A history of pregnancies resulting in a <u>live</u> infant born prior to 37 completed weeks (include live births born up to and including 36 weeks 6 days)	Item #43	<p>If the mom has older children, were any of them born early? Do not include miscarriages, stillbirths or fetal deaths that occurred before 37 weeks; that is a different variable.</p> <p>If the prenatal care record is not in the mother's file, the prenatal care provider should be contacted to retrieve prenatal record. Only if the prenatal care record is unobtainable or the information is unavailable from admission notes, then the mother should be consulted. If she received no prenatal care, the same process of reviewing the admission notes before asking the mother should be used. The mother should NOT be the primary source of information.</p>	PTL–Preterm labor P–Premature	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Prenatal care record <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical history</li> <li>- Previous OB history <i>under</i>: summary of previous pregnancies</li> <li>- Problem list <i>or</i>–initial risk assessment</li> <li>- Historical risk summary</li> <li>- Complications of previous pregnancies</li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Labor and delivery nursing admission triage form <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical complications</li> <li>- Comments</li> </ul>
<b>12. Characteristics of labor and delivery: Induction of labor</b>				
Initiation of uterine contractions by medical or surgical means for the purpose of delivery before labor has begun	Item #47	<p>Please note: Some of the same techniques and medications that are used to induce labor are also the same as those used to augment labor. Examples are Pitocin (oxytocin) and artificial rupture of membranes (AROM). Check whether labor has begun before deciding which category is correct. If this information is unclear or unavailable, check with the birth attendant.</p> <p>Induction of labor should be checked even if the attempt to initiate labor is not successful or the induction follows a spontaneous rupture of the membrane without contractions.</p>	<p>IOL–Induction of labor Pit Ind–Pitocin induction ROM/NIL–Amniotomy induction or induction for rupture of membranes, not in labor AROM–Artificial rupture of membranes done before labor Balloons Oxytocin Prostaglandin Laminaria; Cervidil</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maternal OB/labor summary</li> <li>- Labor and delivery admission history</li> <li>- Labor summary record</li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Physician progress note</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Labor and delivery nursing admission triage form</p>



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<b>13. Characteristics of labor and delivery: Augmentation of labor</b>				
Stimulation of uterine contractions by drug or manipulative technique with the intent to reduce the time of delivery. Stimulation is done AFTER labor has begun.	Item #47	Remember: Some of the same medications and treatments that are used to induce labor are also the same as those used to augment labor. Examples are Pitocin (oxytocin) and artificial rupture of membranes (AROM). Be certain to check whether labor has begun before deciding which category is correct.	Pit stim–Pitocin stimulation Pit aug–Pit augmentation AROM–Artificial rupture of membranes done during labor Cervidil	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i> : - Maternal OB/labor summary - Labor and delivery admission history - Labor summary record  2 <sup>nd</sup> Physician progress note
<b>14. Characteristics of labor and delivery: Antenatal corticosteroids</b>				
Steroids received by the mother prior to delivery to accelerate fetal lung maturation. Typically administered in anticipation of preterm (less than 37 completed weeks of gestation) delivery	Item #47	This medication also could have been given at MD office or at another hospital prior to arrival at your facility. Three conditions must be met for this item. Check this item when 1) steroid medication was given to the mother 2) prior to delivery 3) for fetal lung maturation. Does not include steroid medication given to the mother for anti-inflammatory treatment before or after delivery	Betamethasone Betamethasone phosphate Beta-PO4 Betamethasone acetate Beta-Ac Dexamethasone Glucocorticoids Steroids ACS ANCS ACT ANS	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record under: - Maternal OB/labor summary comments - Labor summary record–comments  2 <sup>nd</sup> Maternal medication record 3 <sup>rd</sup> Newborn admission H&P 4 <sup>th</sup> Maternal physician order sheet 5 <sup>th</sup> Prenatal care records  Other potential sources: - Physician and nursing maternal admission history - Transfer notes from referring hospital - Prior hospitalization discharge summary notes - ACT Passport

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<b>15. Characteristics of labor and delivery: Antibiotics received by the mother during labor</b>				
Includes antibacterial medications given systemically (intravenous or intramuscular) to the mother in the interval between the onset of labor and the actual delivery	Item #47	Check the timing of the administration of the antibacterial medications. Check this item only if medications were received systemically by the mother during labor. If information on onset of labor cannot be determined from the records, check with the birth attendant. Do not check the box if the mother did not go into labor, such as during a scheduled cesarean section.	SBE (sub-acute bacterial endocarditis) prophylaxis GBS positive or GBS + (Group B streptococcus) Maternal fever Mother febrile	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maternal OB/labor summary comments</li> <li>- Labor summary record—comments</li> </ul> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maternal medication record 3 <sup>rd</sup> Newborn admission H&P 4 <sup>th</sup> Maternal physician order sheet 5 <sup>th</sup> Prenatal care records

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<b>16. Method of delivery: Fetal presentation at birth</b>				
<p><b>Cephalic</b>—presenting part of the fetus listed as vertex, occiput anterior (OA), or occiput posterior (OP).</p> <p><b>Breech</b>—presenting part of the fetus listed as breech, complete breech, frank breech, or footling breech.</p> <p><b>Other</b>—any other presentation not listed above.</p>	Item #48A	Check <u>one</u> of the three boxes. Check only the final presentation at birth.	<p>Cephalic: Vertex—OA, OP, LOA, ROA, LOP, ROP, LOT, ROT Face—LMA, LMT, LMP, RMA, RMP, RMT Brow Sinciput Mentum—chin</p> <p>Breech: (Buttocks, sacrum) Frank breech—LSA, LST, LSP, RSP, RST Single footling breech Double footling breech Complete breech</p> <p>Other: Shoulder Transverse lie Funis Compound</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i> —Fetal birth presentation

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<b>17. Method of delivery: Final route and method of delivery – Cesarean ONLY</b>				
Extraction of the fetus, placenta, and membranes through an incision in the maternal abdominal and uterine walls.	Item #48B		C/S–Cesarean section LSTCS–Low segment transverse Look for: TOL–Trial of labor	1 <sup>st</sup> Delivery record <i>under</i> –Method of delivery 2 <sup>nd</sup> Newborn admission H&P 3 <sup>rd</sup> Recovery room record <i>under</i> –Maternal data–Delivered

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<b>18. Obstetric estimate of gestation</b>				
The best estimate of the infant's gestation in completed weeks based on the prenatal care provider's estimate of gestation. Ultrasound completed in 1st trimester is preferred. This estimate of gestation should be determined by all perinatal factors and assessments but NOT the neonatal exam.	Item #50	When entering this number, NEVER round up or down. Enter number of completed weeks. If the infant is 36 weeks and 6 days, you should only report 36 weeks.	Gestation ____ weeks (wks) ____ weeks gestational age GA-Gestational age EGA-Estimated gestational age	1 <sup>st</sup> OB admission H&P <i>under</i> : - Weeks - Gestational age
<b>19. Breastfeeding at discharge</b>				
Information on whether the infant was given human milk or colostrum during the period between birth and discharge from the hospital. It includes breastfeeding, pumping and any attempt to breastfeed.	Item #52	The infant DOES NOT need to be exclusively breastfed. It is NOT simply the mother's intent to breast-feed.	Pumping Lactation consultation LATCH score (Latch on, Audible swallow, Type of nipple, Comfort, and Help) Breast pump Breast milk MM– Mother's milk FBM–Fresh breast milk	1 <sup>st</sup> Labor and delivery summary record <i>under</i> : - Infant data  2 <sup>nd</sup> Maternal progress note 3 <sup>rd</sup> Newborn flow record <i>under</i> : - Feeding  4 <sup>th</sup> Lactation consult
<b>20. APGAR at 5 minutes</b>				
The delivery attendant's assessment of color, heart rate, reflex irritability, muscle tone, and respiration of the infant at 5 minutes following birth.	Item #53	Enter the infant's Apgar score at 5 minutes.		1st Delivery record under–Infant data

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<b>21. Abnormal conditions of the newborn: Assisted ventilation after delivery</b>				
Infant given manual breaths for any duration with bag and mask or bag and endotracheal tube within the first several minutes from birth. Excludes free-flow (blow-by) oxygen only, laryngoscopy for aspiration of meconium, nasal cannula, and bulb suction.	Item #54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with breathing DOES NOT include blow by or free flow oxygen or laryngoscopy for aspiration of meconium.</li> <li>• This DOES NOT include nasal cannula.</li> </ul>	Bag and mask ventilation Intubation and PPV (positive pressure ventilation) PPV bag/mask IPPV Bag or ET (intermittent positive pressure ventilation via bag or endotracheal intubation) Neopuff O2 via ET	1 <sup>st</sup> Labor delivery summary <i>under:</i> - Infant Data or Breathing
<b>22. Abnormal conditions of the newborn: Assisted ventilation required for ≥ 30 minutes</b>				
Infant given mechanical ventilation (breathing assistance) by any method for 30 minutes or more. Includes conventional, high frequency, or continuous positive pressure (CPAP).	Item #54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count the number of minutes /hours of mechanical ventilation given</li> <li>• Help with breathing DOES NOT include blow by or free flow oxygen or laryngoscopy for aspiration of meconium.</li> <li>• This DOES NOT include nasal cannula.</li> </ul>	CPAP–Continuous positive airway pressure IPPV HFV–High frequency ventilation IMV–Intermittent mandatory volume ventilation HFOV–High frequency oscillatory ventilation IPPV PIP–Peak inspiratory pressure PEEP–Positive end expiratory pressure CMV–Continuous mandatory ventilation	1 <sup>st</sup> Newborn respiratory care flow sheet

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<b>23. Abnormal conditions of the newborn: Assisted ventilation required for ≥ 6 hours</b>				
Infant given mechanical ventilation (breathing assistance) by any method for more than six hours. Includes conventional, high frequency, or continuous positive pressure (CPAP)	Item #54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count the number of hours of mechanical ventilation given</li> <li>• Help with breathing DOES NOT include blow by or free flow oxygen or laryngoscopy for aspiration of meconium.</li> <li>• This DOES NOT include nasal cannula.</li> </ul>	CPAP IPPV HFV IMV HFOV IPPV–Intermittent positive pressure ventilation PIP–Peak inspiratory pressure PEEP–Positive end expiratory pressure CMV–Continuous mandatory ventilation HFPPV–High frequency positive pressure ventilation HFFI–High frequency flow interruption ventilation HFJV–High frequency jet ventilation Inhaled nitric oxide	1 <sup>st</sup> Newborn respiratory care flow sheet

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