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Registration is now open for a 4-part webinar series presented by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), in collaboration with the Rural Health Information Hub, to support access to safe, high-quality maternity care in rural communities. Focused on the needs of rural hospitals with and without birth units, the series will launch in March 2024 and support facilities to understand the new [Birthing-Friendly Hospital Designation](#) and earn the recognition through regional collaboration and implementation of patient safety care bundles. In addition, the final installment will address hospitals without birth units to support their readiness to care for pregnant, birthing, and postpartum people who present for care. [Join us](#) Tuesday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m. Central for a webinar with speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Federal Office FORHP discussing the new CMS Birthing-Friendly designation.

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