



**Texas Department of State Health Services  
Vital Statistics Unit  
2016 Five-Star Criteria for Hospitals, Birthing Centers &  
Midwives**

*To qualify for the exemplary award, you must meet ALL exemplary designation criteria.*

**Qualifications Criteria**

*Those facilities who have diacritical marks (special characters: Ü, Ö, É, etc.) in any of their birth records will be disqualified automatically from the Five-Star Awards.*

**Timeliness:**

Complete 98% or better of birth registration released no later than five days after the date of birth from January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

*Hospitals, birthing centers, and midwives that completed 100% of birth registrations released no later than five days after the date of birth will be considered for an Exemplary Five-Star designation.*

**Training & Participation:**

Attended the 2015 Annual Vital Statistics Conference or one of the 2016 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences scheduled in June.

*Hospitals, Birthing Centers and Midwives who attend both the 2015 Annual Conference and one of the 2016 Regional Conferences, or send 2 or more staff members from the same facility to one of 2016 Regional Conferences will be considered for an Exemplary Five-Star designation.*

Must participate in at least 1 TxEVER Stakeholder conference call in 2016. Please visit our web page at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/field/TxEVER-Project-Conference-Calls/> for a series of upcoming events.

**Partners:**

Must be a 2016 recipient of the Office of Attorney General Award for Acknowledgment of Paternity to qualify for the award.

**Accuracy:**

Legal: Have filed amendments on less than 2% of all birth records filed by your facility from January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. This excludes paternity and adoption.

Statistical: Less than 2% of all birth records filed by your facility had one or more of the key required statistical fields marked “unknown” as a response from January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Those items are:

*Mother's education [Mother 1 Tab]*

*Mother's last menses date [Medical 1 Tab]*

*HIV Test Done Prenatally [Medical 1 Tab]*

*HIV Test Done at Delivery [Medical 1 Tab]*

*HIV Test Done Prenatally [Medical 1 Tab]*

*Infant Tested for HIV at Birth [Medical 1 Tab]*

*Attendant Type [Certifier Tab]*

*Hospitals, birthing centers, and midwives that filed amendments on less than 1% for Legal & Statistical Fields will be considered for Exemplary Five-Star designation.*

**Birth Registration Certification:**

Section 181.50 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) establishes certification requirements for the person required to register the birth of a child in this state, as set forth by provision in Section 192 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The person required to register the birth of a child in this state must meet the requirements of the birth registrar certification and must abide by those rules. This includes the TER Online Training (visit [www.texasvsu-ed.org](http://www.texasvsu-ed.org)) & be AOP Certified.