

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to the 22ND Edition of the NMDP Standards

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This is a notification that the Standards Advisory Group is proposing a change to the NMDP Standards. The intent of this change is to increase the number of facilities providing cord blood, adding to the inventory of quality cord blood units. This proposed interim standard has also been reviewed and is supported by the Cord Blood Advisory Group.

The proposed standard falls under Section 4.0000 of the NMDP Standards: Criteria for Participating Cord Blood Banks. Changes are italicized.

4.4100 Bank shall use the following facilities for NMDP activities:

4.4130 Cord blood sites accredited by CMS or other organizations with deemed status, or non-U.S. equivalent *and/or birth centers accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC).*

Please carefully consider this proposed change to the NMDP Standards and submit any questions or comments by Monday, August 25, 2014. Your comments may be sent directly to: standards@nmdp.org.

The Standards Advisory Group will review and evaluate all comments, and submit the proposed changes to the NMDP Board of Directors for final approval.

Thank you.