

Texas Department of State Health Services  
Vital Statistics Unit

# 2011 Five-Star Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife Award

## Criteria for Qualification

- **Timeliness:**  
Complete 92% or better of birth registration releases within 5 days of the birth using Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) between January 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011.  
*Hospitals, Birthing Center's and Midwives, that complete 95% or better of birth registration releases within 5 days of the birth using Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) will be considered for an Exemplary Five-Star Designation.*
- **Training:**  
Attend the 2010 Annual Vital Statistics Conference or one of the 2011 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences and complete the online self-assessment. The online self-assessment will be available via the website; [www.texasvsu.org](http://www.texasvsu.org) this summer.  
*Hospitals, Birthing Center's and Midwives, that send at least two employees from the same facility to one of the conferences or attend both the 2010 annual and one of the regional conferences will be considered for an Exemplary Five-Star Designation.*
- **Paternity:**  
Must be a recipient of the Office of Attorney General Exemplary, Outstanding, or Recognized Award for Acknowledgment of Paternity for 2011.
- **Accuracy:**  
Less than 5% of all birth records filed at your facility had one or more of the key required statistical fields left blank or marked "unknown" as a response between January 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011.  
*(These 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, HIV Test Done Prenatally [Medical 1 Tab], Infant Tested for HIV at Birth [Medical 1 Tab], and attendant type [Certifier Tab].)*
- **ImmTrac Performance:**  
Use the manual ImmTrac (NB-2) consent form to offer parents of newborns the opportunity to "grant" or "deny" ImmTrac consent, and submit properly completed forms for 95% of children born at your facility between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011.

No application for the Five-Star Award is necessary. Winners will be awarded at the 2011 Vital Statistics Annual Conference.