
OakBend Medical Center Temporarily Closing Perinatal Services to Build a New Program in Perinatal Care

Richmond, Texas. January, 14, 2025: OakBend Medical Center is thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity to upgrade and reimagine its perinatal services, which include labor and delivery and nursery care. To seize this opportunity and implement the latest models for excellence in perinatal care, OakBend will temporarily close its perinatal services, effective January 17, 2025.

During this closure, a multidisciplinary team comprised of staff members, physicians, leadership, and community representatives will work together to design a new perinatal program. This program will integrate best practices and advanced standards to better serve the growing needs of the community.

Patients who have scheduled deliveries at OakBend after the temporary closure date will be asked to coordinate with their physicians to choose alternative hospitals for their delivery. For patients who have prepaid for delivery services, full refunds will be issued promptly. Additionally, patients in active labor who present to OakBend Emergency Rooms during this time will receive care and, depending on circumstances, may be transferred to another hospital.

To ensure a seamless transition, all staff members within the perinatal department will be offered alternative positions within OakBend Medical Center.

Importantly, all other services at OakBend, including its renowned “No Wait” ER services, will continue to operate as normal. This transition reflects OakBend Medical Center’s commitment to growth and meeting the healthcare needs of Fort Bend and Wharton counties.

If you have any questions, please contact 281-341-3000 or info@obmc.org.

About OakBend Medical Center: OakBend Medical Center is the largest independent nonprofit hospital in Fort Bend County, providing exceptional, compassionate healthcare to the community. With a mission to deliver excellence in care, OakBend is committed to meeting the needs of all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

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OakBend Medical Center is the last remaining independent, nonprofit hospital in the Greater Houston area, providing exceptional service with its three hospitals and many specialty centers. OakBend’s services and programs include its signature No Wait ER, an advanced trauma center, and the Jack and Billie Wendt Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) unit. We remain committed to developing the best methods to care for our patients, ensuring a healthy future for generations.