

California MDs Agree to Licensing of Lay Midwives"

According to Boschert, ACOG's Dr. Dickerson said physicians held out for a guarantee of supervision rather than a more "collegial sort of relationship, which was, we felt, an invitation to home births."

ACOG has been strongly opposed to home births for more than a dozen years. California, along with Illinois, requires that certified nurse-midwives be supervised by physicians, unlike more states which license "lay" or certified nurse-midwives. What this means, in practical terms, is that instead of the midwife being in charge and telephoning physicians for consults or referrals, the physician is ultimately responsible for the patient and sets protocols in a formal (and most likely written) relationship.

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