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Re: NEW ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED MIDWIFES

Dear Licensed Midwife:

This is to notify you of a new requirement in the law regulating the practice of midwifery in California. Pursuant to Business and Profession Code section 2516 (copy enclosed) all licensed midwives must report specific information relating to birthing services provided when the intended place of birth at the onset of care was an out-of-hospital setting.

The first reporting period is from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, and is due in March 2008. The information must be submitted, on a form specified by the Medical Board of California (MBC), to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

Further information will be disseminated from the OSHPD and/or the MBC to assist you in reporting the information. The following information needs to be reported at the end of the year, so please keep track of the information for calendar year 2007, and thereafter.

- *Your name and license number.*
- *The calendar year being reported.*
- *With regard to cases in which the midwife, or the student midwife supervised by the midwife, assisted in the previous year when the intended place of birth at the onset of care was an out-of-hospital setting:*
 - (A) *The total number of clients served as primary caregiver at the onset of care.*
 - (B) *The total number of clients served with collaborative care available through, or given by, a licensed physician and surgeon.*
 - (C) *The total number of clients served under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon.*
 - (D) *The number by county of live births attended as primary caregiver.*
 - (E) *The number, by county, of cases of fetal demise attended as primary caregiver at the discovery of the demise.*
 - (F) *The number of women whose primary care was transferred to another health care practitioner during the antepartum period, and the reason for each transfer.*
 - (G) *The number, reason, and outcome for each elective hospital transfer during the intrapartum or postpartum period.*
 - (H) *The number, reason, and outcome for each urgent or emergency transport of an expectant mother in the antepartum period.*
 - (I) *The number, reason, and outcome for each urgent or emergency*

2516. (a) Each licensed midwife who assists, or supervises a student midwife in assisting, in childbirth that occurs in an out-of-hospital setting shall annually report to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The report shall be submitted in March, with the first report due in March 2008, for the prior calendar year, in a form specified by the board and shall contain all of the following:

(1) The midwife's name and license number.

(2) The calendar year being reported.

(3) The following information with regard to cases in which the midwife, or the student midwife supervised by the midwife, assisted in the previous year when the intended place of birth at the onset of care was an out-of-hospital setting:

(A) The total number of clients served as primary caregiver at the onset of care.

(B) The total number of clients served with collaborative care available through, or given by, a licensed physician and surgeon.

(C) The total number of clients served under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon.

(D) The number by county of live births attended as primary caregiver.

(E) The number, by county, of cases of fetal demise attended as primary caregiver at the discovery of the demise.

(F) The number of women whose primary care was transferred to another health care practitioner during the antepartum period, and the reason for each transfer.

(G) The number, reason, and outcome for each elective hospital transfer during the intrapartum or postpartum period.

(H) The number, reason, and outcome for each urgent or emergency transport of an expectant mother in the antepartum period.

(I) The number, reason, and outcome for each urgent or emergency transport of an infant or mother during the intrapartum or immediate postpartum period.

(J) The number of planned out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor and the number of births completed in an out-of-hospital setting.

(K) The number of planned out-of-hospital births completed in an out-of-hospital setting that were any of the following:

(i) Twin births.

(ii) Multiple births other than twin births.

(iii) Breech births.

(iv) Vaginal births after the performance of a caesarian section.

(L) A brief description of any complications resulting in the mortality of a mother or an infant.

(M) Any other information prescribed by the board in regulations.

(b) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development shall maintain the confidentiality of the information submitted pursuant to this section, and shall not permit any law enforcement or regulatory agency to inspect or have copies made of the contents of any reports submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) for any purpose, including, but not limited to, investigations for licensing, certification, or regulatory purposes.

(c) The office shall report to the board, by April, those licensees who have met the requirements of subdivision (a) for that year.

(d) The board shall send a written notice of noncompliance to each licensee who fails to meet the reporting requirement of subdivision (a). Failure to comply with subdivision (a) will result in the