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To: California Medical Facilities

Subject: Licensed Midwife Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting

This letter is to inform you of the requirement of reporting transfers by a licensed midwife of a planned out-of-hospital birth to a hospital.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2507(c)(1) if at any point during pregnancy, childbirth, or postpartum care a client's condition deviates from normal, the licensed midwife shall immediately refer or transfer the client to a physician and surgeon. The licensed midwife may consult and remain in consultation with the physician and surgeon after the referral or transfer.

BPC section 2510 requires California medical facilities to report each transfer of a planned out-of-hospital birth to the Medical Board of California (Board) and to the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative using a standardized form developed by the Board. This form is available on the Board's website at http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/midwives_out-of-hospital_delivery.pdf and is required to be completed and submitted to the Board to fulfill the reporting requirements. Further, the law requires that if a client is transferred to a hospital, the licensed midwife shall provide records, including prenatal records, and speak with the receiving physician and surgeon about labor up to the point of the transfer.

Should you have further questions, please contact the Board's Chief of Licensing, April Alameda, at telephone number (916) 263-2348, or via e-mail at april.alameda@mbc.ca.gov.

Enclosures: Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting Form
BPC 2507 and 2510

The Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting Form has been updated. The form can be found on the Board's website at http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Forms/Licensees/midwives_out-of-hospital_delivery.pdf.